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Column One
BY
David Courtney

THERE is reason for nearly everything that happens: even for everything that happens internationally; except that in these instances it is usually the unsuspected reason and almost never the one given at the time. On the face of it, the reason given by the Egyptian Government for the release of the crew and cargo of the Bat Galim is a good one. In the normal way it would be reason enough to say there is insufficient evidence to sustain the charges brought against the crew and affecting the cargo and that therefore both would be given up. But in this part of the world, like most others, the normal way is not the customary way.

A SHORT while ago it was Egypt's intention to sell the cargo and bring the crew to trial. That was against the international laws and instruments governing these matters and probably was never intended to be taken seriously outside Egypt and the Arab League States. It may have been, in fact, one of those gestures which governments think necessary for "internal consumption." After the Israel-Egyptian M.A.C. decision, however, and with the Western Powers in the Security Council put into some difficulty in their relations with Egypt by the probable necessity to condemn that country at the very moment when its Government is trying to edge, against considerable opposition, towards a pro-western policy, it became necessary for Colonel Nasser to reduce the rations for internal consumption and pass them to forces outside. So it was declared that the crew and cargo of the Bat Galim would be freed, and now the vessel too.

FROM Israel's point of view, of course, everything depends on whether the Western Powers have any real basis for their hope of bringing about a working agreement between Israel and Egypt. If they have, then, and again from Israel's point of view, settlement of the Suez Canal question and the right of the Bat Galim to sail through the canal to Haifa — questions and rights which have been discussed and disputed for years — might reasonably wait upon the prospect of that general settlement. But only if the waiting period could be shown to be a few months at most. No one would pretend that a Security Council decision today has better chance of being applied in practice than had the Security Council decision of 1951, or that, if its application could be enforced, the result would be more valuable to Israel than a negotiated general agreement including the right of free passage through the Suez Canal.

IT is a difficult matter and there is not much encouragement to a dispassionate consideration of it. Israel, for its own reasons, sent the Bat Galim to Suez as a test case at the time when Britain and Egypt were working out the terms of their new treaty. By the terms of the Armistice, the Security Council's Resolution of 1951, and presumably the Constantinople Convention of long ago, Egypt put itself in the wrong and added to the wrong by, apparently, trumping up the charge that the Bat Galim had fired on Egyptian fishermen. What is unfortunate about these rights and wrongs and all the legalistic arguments they produce is that no formal decision about them is worth the trouble of drafting if the nation that is right and the nation that is wrong go on being merely right and merely wrong. And if there is some sense in putting Egypt in the wrong there can surely be no sense in putting the Western Powers in the wrong, upon whose economic and political aid not only Egypt, but Israel as well, depend.

ISRAEL was born into a wicked world and is steadily learning that it is not always enough to be legally or even morally right. It is, of course, an advantage to have right on her side. It may be even more of an advantage to have the big Powers on her side if this can be done without too much loss of integrity or face. Britain and America both, at this moment, are busy re-shaping their Middle East policy. It is right that Israel should be taken proper account of in that re-shaping: a larger right, perhaps, than anything the Security Council is in a position to give her.

Jerusalem, December 8.

NEHRU NAMES DEPUTY

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Indian Premier, Mr. Nehru, today appointed a Cambridge-educated Moslem, Dr Syed Mahmud, to be his principal lieutenant in the External Affairs Ministry.

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Knesset Group To Decide On Immunity Today

A decision on the revoking of the parliamentary immunity of Knesset Member, Mr. S. Rosenberg (Mizrahi), requested by the Attorney General, Mr. Haim Cohen, last week, is expected to be taken at a meeting of the Knesset Committee this morning.

The Committee met yesterday morning and heard the Attorney General giving details of the charges, which involve dealings in foreign currency, and Mr. Rosenberg's reasoned reply.

It is understood that Mapai members are of the opinion that Mr. Rosenberg's immunity should be revoked in order that the matter may be cleared up fully at regular court proceedings, and that if they vote in this sense they will have the support of both the General Zionist and Herut representatives on the Committee. Both Mapam and Communist members are expected to oppose any waiving of immunity privileges.

Should the Committee agree to approve that Mr. Rosenberg's immunity be revoked, then a recommendation to this effect will be made to the Knesset assembly next week by the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. D. Bar Rav Hai. Mr. Rosenberg will be entitled to present his case to the House before a vote is taken, but it is not known whether he would make use of this privilege.

No Profit in Transaction

Mr. Haim Cohen said yesterday that there was no reason to believe that either Mr. Rosenberg or anyone else had profited personally by the transactions on which the charges are based, but that these were carried out on behalf of the Mizrahi Party and certain of its institutions. He agreed that it would be possible to postpone the case until next August, in order that it should not take place during an election fight. He added that he understood that Mr. Rosenberg himself would not wish to undergo the strain of such delay, once the trial is decided upon in principle. Owing to the extremely involved nature of the case it is not thought possible that it could be brought into Court and decided quickly.

Mr. Cohen is reported to have said in his address that Rabbi Mordecai Nurock was also involved in the transactions, but that there was no proof in his case of any breach of the law.

Mr. Rosenberg's reply to the charges was described as "impressive," and well received by almost all members of the Committee. Contrary to reports in afternoon papers yesterday, he said that in so far as Rabbi Nurock had also been involved, the latter had played a merely formal role.

Rabbi Nurock (Mizrahi) recalled the negotiations which had taken place with the late Finance Minister, Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, and the late Communications Minister, Mr. David Pincas, concerning this matter.

2 Charges Remain

Mr. Cohen told the Committee that considerable material had been presented against Rabbi Rosenberg by many circles, and that after most careful study only two charges remained — under paragraphs 301 and 308 of the Criminal Code. Under these paragraphs, Rabbi Rosenberg and Mr. Elison had made a false statement regarding the source of the funds. Also, they had tried to free a blocked account from the 10 per cent compulsory loan, claiming that this was in accordance with an administrative order in the Ministry of Finance.

Denying the two charges, Rabbi Rosenberg declared that he had not mis-stated the facts but that the account had been listed under the name of Mr. Rom because of the desire of the actual donor, Mr. Zalmonowitz, to remain anonymous.

With regard to the second charge, Rabbi Rosenberg presented documents to show that neither he nor his attorney had taken the initiative to have the account freed from the compulsory loan, but that the bank had done this automatically, in accordance with a Treasury order.

It is understood that Rabbi Rosenberg only gave explanations of fact at yesterday's session, but has not yet decided whether to oppose the request that his immunity be lifted.

Mrs. Ada Maimon (Mapai) spoke against parliamentary immunity in general.

Child Sex Evidence Bill Passes First Reading

The Bill for the introduction of Youth Interrogators to obtain evidence from children under 13 in cases involving sex crimes has passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday without opposition.

Summing up the debate, Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice, said that he did not think that it would be to the disadvantage of the accused, as had been suggested, if the child victim or witness of the crime was skilfully questioned by trained personnel. On the contrary, cases of totally false evidence were more likely to be detected in this way.

He said that he did not agree that there was a negligible number of such cases in Israel. Over the past five years there had been [illegible] cases of criminal assaults on children under 16, including 76 cases of rape. Of these, 310 cases had been closed by the Police for lack of evidence, in another 137 the assailant had not been identified, 133 persons had been found guilty, and 22 accused had been discharged. The remaining cases were not yet completed.

French Approach USSR On Big 4 Spring Talks

PARIS, Tuesday. — The French Government announced today that it has called the Soviet Union's attention to the recent proposals made by Prime Minister Mendes-France before the United Nations for talks between Russia and the Western Big Three in spring.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said that M. Jean Leroy, French Chargé d'Affaires in Moscow, called at the Soviet Foreign Ministry in this connection yesterday.

Official sources here stated that M. Leroy raised the question of a peace treaty for Austria. The West has indicated that it will consider Soviet acceptance of an Austrian peace settlement as proof that the Russians are willing to negotiate larger matters in good faith.

The French initiative, it was pointed out, was made after consultations with the U.S. and Britain.

The move was in line with M. Mendes-France's promise of negotiations with the Russians parallel with arrangements for the ratification of the Paris Agreements for the rearmament of Germany, which is scheduled to be debated in the National Assembly on December 20.

US Wants Informal Talks

In Washington today, Secretary of State Dulles said that the American Ambassador to Russia, Mr. Charles Bohlen, would seek more informal talks with Soviet leaders when he returns to his post in Moscow tomorrow.

Mr. Dulles told his press conference, however, that it would be "an overstatement" to say that these talks would be specifically aimed at exploring the possibility of a conference between the Western and Soviet leaders next spring.

The Secretary said that there was a general consensus between Britain, France and the U.S. that they should have consultations with the Soviet Union sometime next spring after the consolidation of the defence of Western Europe had been completed. But there was as yet no concerted action to fix a date or an agenda.

Asked about reports that the French envoy in Moscow had undertaken the initiative in seeking to find out the Soviet position on a four-power conference in May, Mr. Dulles said that that went beyond anything on which the U.S. had been informed.

Attlee Urges Parleys

The French inclination for early Big Four talks received support in Britain last night from the Labour Party. Speaking in the Commons, the Labour leader, Mr. Clement Attlee, called for an immediate meeting of the world's top statesmen, including those of Russia, and not to wait for the ratification of the Paris Agreements. He denied the contention that ratification of the agreements would give "actual strength" to the West for a meeting with Russia, since it would take a couple of years before the actual forces would be created.

Mr. Attlee was speaking in a debate on a Labour motion censuring the Government for "lack of urgency" in dealing with the hydrogen bomb danger. The motion was defeated by 300 votes to 267.

(Reuter, UP)

Bonn to Debate Paris Treaties Dec. 15

BONN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The "Council of Elders," the committee which fixes the agenda of the Bundestag, agreed tonight to debate the Paris treaties on December 15, as originally planned following pressure by Chancellor Adenauer, it was learned in parliamentary circles.

The Bavarian Party, holding a key position in the negotiations for a new Bavarian state government, tonight came out in favour of a coalition excluding the Christian Socialist Union (the Bavarian branch of Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party).

The Bavarian Party said that it would negotiate with the Social Democrats, the Refugee Party and the Free Democrats. This combination would have an easy majority and might deprive Dr. Adenauer of the Bavarian seats in the Upper House of the Bonn parliament and thereby of his two-thirds majority.

A new party, the German National Party, was formed in Hanover today. Favouring negotiations with the East on German reunification, it is composed mainly of former members of the Free Democratic Party and the extreme right-wing German Party.

Only Isolated Bands Hiding Out in Tunisia

TUNIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Only small, isolated bands of outlaws remained at large in Tunisia today as the Franco-Tunisian amnesty offer continued successfully.

By midnight last night 1,692 *fellaghas* had surrendered with their arms in return for a free pardon.

A French residing official said, "We never envisaged such a widespread and rapid response to our offer. The operation is progressing splendidly."

Security officials announced that among the surrendered *fellaghas* was Sassi Lassoued, leader of a large regiment, and Sidi Bouzid.

The largest group still hiding out is led by Tahar Lassoued. The French say that his activities have always seemed motivated more by banditry than nationalism, so that he has been hesitant about turning himself in. Nevertheless, he was scheduled to meet today near Kef with the Government's emissaries.

U.N. DEBATE DEFERRED

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). —The U.N. Political Committee today decided without objections to defer debate on the Tunisia question until the end of its agenda.

The moving of the Tunisian question to the bottom of the list meant that Morocco and Cyprus are to be debated next. The question had been next on the agenda.

Knesset to 'Buy Out' Pork Butcher

A recommendation was made by the Finance Committee of the Knesset yesterday to budget a sum of money to be used to stop the sale of pork in a butcher's shop situated next door the building in which the Knesset is housed, and only a few steps from the entrance to the public gallery.

It is understood that the Attorney General will have to be consulted on the form which this payment may take, and the funds from which it may be drawn. It is believed that the Knesset wishes to avoid paying the full sum that would be required in "key money" to prevail on the butcher to leave the premises altogether, as these are well situated, while a sum of IL.10,000 has been discussed as compensation for loss of trade on his part, if he gives a guarantee to cease the sale of pork products.

Ministry Censured For Fund Allocation Failure

The Ministry of the Interior was strongly criticised at a meeting yesterday of the joint *ad hoc* Knesset Committee of Finance and the Interior for its alleged failure to allocate funds to local authorities in accordance with an agreement arrived at between the two ministries about six months ago. This would have given a relatively larger share of the available funds to immigrant towns, agricultural villages and to the two "poor" cities, Jerusalem and Safad.

The total sum available was IL5.1m., of which IL1.8m. consists of fees and licences returnable directly to the authorities which collected them. According to the agreement, the rest of the funds were to be allocated according to a system of points, in which each resident of a city or local council would count as one point, but as two points in immigrant towns and in Jerusalem and Safed, and as two or two and a half points in area councils with scattered populations.

QUIET AT BEIT KATZIR

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — The members of Massada continued to plough their field near Beit Katzir today without incident. Police security units stood guard. U.N. Observers, meanwhile, investigated Syrian attacks on the settlers which had occurred during the past two days.

According to Ramallah Radio, an Arab villager was seriously injured by shots from the Israel side of the border in the Beit Katzir region today.

Cairo Junta Ignores Arab World, Hangs 6 Brotherhood Leaders

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter). — Six leaders of the Moslem Brotherhood died on the scaffold here today, two of them with their last breath claiming to be martyrs and two begging forgiveness. They were condemned by a special tribunal for plotting to overthrow the revolutionary regime.

A black flag was run up over the Cairo Governor's headquarters, where the men were hanged at half-hour intervals. Steel-helmeted police guarded the approaches, and correspondents were searched before being allowed into the courtyard.

The executions broughts to 11 the total of hangings for treason, conspiracy and riots under the revolutionary regime.

First of the six to go to the scaffold today was the Cairo tinsmith, Mahmoud Abdul Latif, convicted of shooting at the Prime Minister, Colonel Nasser, in Alexandria last October.

Last was Abdul Kader Oda, Secretary General of the Brotherhood. Barefoot and with his hands tied behind him, Oda broke into a half-sobbing cry as the prison commandant read the sentence of death.

"My blood will be a curse on the Revolution leaders," he screamed. "Allah be praised. I die as a Moslem and a martyr. I committed no crime."

Latif Begs Forgiveness

Latif, wearing the red robe of condemned men, shivered as he heard the death sentence and a bearded sheikh standing near him said: "Say you are a Moslem and belong to Islam and you will die as a Moslem."

Latif repeated the words, and as he was led to the scaffold cried: "Allah forgive my sins. We belong to Allah and return to his kingdom."

The other executed men were Yusuf Talaat, alleged leader of the Brotherhood's secret cells, Ibrahim Tayeh, a Brotherhood leader in Cairo, Hindawy Dweir, and Mohammed Farghali, Brotherhood chief in Suez.

The Egyptian Government has received many telegrams from organisations in the Moslem world appealing for the lives of the condemned men.

All Pakistan will observe Friday as a "Protest Day" against the sentences, and Moslem priests and provincial politicians asked the Prime Minister, Mohammed Ali, to appeal to Egypt on the Brotherhood's behalf.

Protest in Sudan

Leading members of the Sudan's ruling National Unionist Party handed in proposed resolutions to both Houses of Parliament deploring the sentences and the removal of General Mohammed Nagib from his post as President of Egypt. The Governor General, Sir Robert Howe, refused to permit a debate on the motions, as unnecessary interference with the domestic affairs of a foreign state.

Fares el Khoury, Prime Minister of Syria, appealed to the Egyptian Government yesterday to commute the sentences, and demonstrators shouting anti-Egyptian slogans paraded Damascus and other Syrian towns.

In Iraq, leaders of women's associations and the advocates society sent cables to Colonel Nasser asking him to reconsider the sentences.

According to Arab radio stations, a total of 300 members of the Brotherhood will be tried by the special tribunals in Egypt. The whole proceedings are to be completed within a month.

McCarthy Publicly Denounces Ike In Senate Body

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). Senator Joseph McCarthy today publicly denounced President Eisenhower.

The Wisconsin Republican said he believed that he should apologize to the American people for the way he had campaigned for Mr. Eisenhower in 1952.

Mr. McCarthy interrupted a session of the Senate Investigating Subcommittee, the chairmanship of which he must relinquish to the Democrats next year, to read a 350-word statement in the crowded hearing room before television and newsreel cameras.

He said that President Eisenhower had congratulated Senators whom he (McCarthy) had accused of holding up his exposures of Communists for 10 months. He added that the President at the same time "urges that we be patient with the Communist hoodlums who... are torturing and brainwashing American uniformed men in Communist dungeons."

Asked by a reporter if his statement indicated that he might bolt the Republican Party and lead a third party, Mr. McCarthy replied "I have no interest—at the present time—in a third party. I intend to work in the Republican Party."

Asked if he would "work to prevent Eisenhower's re-nomination," the Senator answered, "I've said all I'd better say."

The White House had no immediate comment on Mr. McCarthy's attack.

Yoshida Quits Before Parliamentary Vote

TOKYO, Tuesday. — The Cabinet of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida resigned today, a few hours before a non-confidence motion was to have been submitted to a vote in the Diet (lower house). The resignation anticipated an almost certain defeat for the Government.

The motion was submitted jointly yesterday by the new conservative grouping, the Democratic Party, and the Left and Right Socialist Parties who together have 253 seats to the 185 of Mr. Yoshida's Liberal Party.

The political crisis came to a head during the Prime Minister's recent tour of Europe and North America, when his conservative opponents both inside and outside the Liberal Party agreetd to from the Democratic Party. The last-minute defection to the new grouping by 35 Liberals left the Government without a working majority.

Hatoyama Leads Opposition

The leader of the new party is Mr. Ichiro Hatoyama, founder and first President of the Liberal Party, who was purged by the Allied occupation authorities in 1946 a few hours before he was to have been nominated Premier-designate by the Emperor. This left the way open for his then deputy, Mr. Yoshida, to begin his long spell in the premiership.

Towards the end of last month, the campaign against Mr. Yoshida compelled him to resign from the leadership of the Liberal Party. His defeat or resignation has been expected ever since.

The vote for a new Prime Minister is likely to be taken tomorrow.

Each of the main parties — Liberal, Democratic and Socialist —is expected to nominate condidates. If none gets an absolute majority, the House will vote again between the two condidates with the biggest vote in the first ballot.

Release of Bat Galim Crew Inadequate, Eban Tells UN

Urges Support of MAC Decisions

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday. — Israel told the U.N. Security Council today to call for the unconditional release by Egypt of the Bat Galim, seized last September south of Suez, together with cargo and crew.

Mr. Abba Eban, the Israel delegate, welcomed the letter sent by the Egyptian delegation to the Council yesterday saying that it was prepared to release the crew and cargo. He said that if the letter meant that the ship would be retained or separated from its crew and cargo so that its lawful journey from Massawa to Haifa was effectively interrupted, "then this is a solution with which the Government of Israel cannot in any way cooperate."

Mr. Eban said: "The readiness of my Government to weigh its obligations under the Armistice Agreement must clearly be directly affected by whether the Security Council imposes those obligations with equal impact and weight on the other side." He added that Israel has withdrawn armed forces from "exposed villages in the south" and has interrupted "vital development projects" on the assumption "that the Armistice Agreements are binding upon the other party as well."

Analyzing the application of the principles of territorial water to the Suez Canal, Mr. Eban said that the report of the U.N. Truce Supervision Chief, Maj.-Gen. E.L.M. Burns, on the Mixed Armistice Commission's investigation of the Bat Galim case "fully confirms the authenticity of the account I gave the Security Council on November 3."

The Israel delegate continued: "The accusations raised by Egypt never even reached the minimum level required in a court of law." Egypt, he told the Council, had fabricated her case against the Bat Galim.

Egypt Defeated in MAC

Mr. Eban recalled that Egypt in the MAC had raised the judicial question. But the defeat of the Egyptian resolution to declare the Bat Galim's entrance into the Canal waters a violation of Egyptian territorial waters had clearly answered this claims. "The fact that Egypt may not now invoke the Armistice Agreement as a basis for discriminating against Israel ships is a matter of very great significance," he stressed.

Mr. Eban said it was clear that the Chairman of the Mixed Armistice Commission had called on Egypt to release the Bat Galim and her crew. "It means," he said, "that the ship and crew should be set free, that the ship should be restored to the control and volition of its captain and, conversely, that the detaining party should cease all attempts to impede the ship's movements."

He declared that it was Egypt's international duty to restore to the Bat Galim and its crew the same facilities belonging to ships of any other nation exercising innocent passage in the international waterway.

Egypt has contended that a state of war still existed with Israel and that she is entitled in those circumstances to stop and search vessels bound for Israel.

Urges UN Support

"Israel," he said, expresses the earnest hope that the Security Council will uphold the judgments of the Mixed Armistice Commission, endorse the request of its Chairman, reaffirm the duties of both parties to abide by the Armistice Agreement and call upon Egypt to release the ship and crew to continue its voyage to Haifa, and reaffirm its 1951 resolution calling upon Egypt to respect freedom of shipping in the Suez Canal."

The Egyptian delegate, Omar Lutfi, who spoke next, told the Council that the Egyptian Government had acted as soon as it found that the charges against the Bat Galim were unsubstantiated. He denied that Egypt has ever staged any kind of blockade against Israel. What was called a blockade was merely the refusal of Egypt and other Arab states to trade with Israel, he contended.

The Egyptian delegate claimed that after the 1951 resolution of the Security Council, Egypt had been restrained in the exercise of her rights in the Suez Canal.

(Reuter, UP)

DEVELOPMENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS PASSED

The amended Development Budget for 1953/54, increases to which were presented by the Minister of Finance recently, was adopted by the Knesset last night in its final reading.

'Atoms for Peace' May Include Israel

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (INA).—Israel's work in atomic energy research, particularly in connection with the production of heavy water, may help to obtain for her a liaison status with the new "Atoms for Peace" agency being planned by the U.N.

Her position vis-a-vis this agency strengthened today, when Mr. Dag Hammarskjold announced the appointment of Dr. Gunnar Randers as his representative in the preliminary work for the organisation of the scientific conference authorised by the General Assembly for dealing with the scheme. Dr. Randers, who is the Executive Vice-President of the European Atomic Energy Society, is also an expert on heavy water.

League Urges Syria To Protest Against Israel

The Arab League Council yesterday instructed Syria to lodge a complaint with the U.N. Security Council against the pumping of Jordan water by Israel in the Jisr Sheikh Hussein area, NEABS reported. Syria immediately instructed her delegate to file the complaint. (A Jordan complaint on this issue was rejected by the Israel-Jordan MAC some weeks ago).

The League's Political Committee yesterday continued its debate on the Arab military alliance.

According to a "New York Times" despatch, a rift has developed over the internationalisation of Jerusalem, with Iraq joining Jordan in her opposition. Egypt, on the other hand, was reported to be leading the bloc favouring a call on the U.N. to implement the internationalization resolution.

The Political Committee has decided to recommend to the member states to send delegates to the forthcoming Arab-Asian conference at Jakarta, NEABS reported. The "Palestine" question will be discussed at the conference at the demand of the Arab states.

The British Protectorate of Oman, on the coast of the Persian Gulf, has applied to join the Arab League, the League Secretary, Abdul Khalek Hasuna, said here in Cairo last night. The Political Committee of the League will discuss Oman's request tomorrow.

Britain to Study Shuckburgh Report

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Foreign Office will shortly study a report on the Middle East tour of the Foreign Under-Secretary, Mr. Evelyn Shuckburgh.

(Mr. Shuckburgh left Nicosia for Ankara today after a five-day visit to Cyprus).

The report is expected also to cover Britain's specific relations with individual Arab states and their reaction to the Arab-Israel conflict.

Mr. Shuckburgh will give Sir Anthony Eden first-hand impressions gained during his visit to Middle East countries. He will also report on the three-day conference of British diplomats in the Middle East over which he presided in Beirut earlier this month.

His analysis is expected to weigh heavily in the formulation of any new British and Western policy towards the Middle East region.

Syria Accuses U.S. Press of Israel Bias

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (INA). — Syria today brought the Israel-Arab conflict into the debate on the freedom of information in the Assembly's Humanitarian Committee.

The Syrian delegate, Mohammed Farraj, apparently following the general Arab line of bringing up the issue at all times, declared himself in favour of a free press but accused the American press of favouring "Zionist groups." He claimed that it was betraying its readers by subjecting them to "Zionist pressure" and thus failing to present the other side of the picture.

'AL MISRI' PUBLISHER APPEALS TO U.N

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The publisher of the newspaper "Al Misri" banned by the Egyptian Government, today appealed to the U.N. to condemn the papers suppression as a violation of the freedom of the press.

Cairo Court to Rule On Israel Ship

CAIRO, Tuesday (Reuter).—An Egyptian court will give a ruling soon on the Israel ship, Bat Galim, detained by Egypt for 11 weeks, Brigadier Mahmoud Riad, Arab Affairs Director at the Foreign Ministry, stated here today.

Lieut.-Col. Salam Goher, Director of Palestine Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, said yesterday that the ship, her crew and cargo of meat and timber would be released as soon as the Cairo Magistrate's court had completed the customary judicial formalities.

They were being freed for lack of sufficient evidence on Egyptian charges that the ship's crew had fired on Egyptian fishermen, allegedly killing two. The bodies of the fishermen were never found, however.

50 Items Removed From Egyptian MAC Agenda

A total of 30 Israel and 20 Egyptian complaints were removed from the agenda of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission which met in regular session under the Chairmanship of Lieut.-Col. C.G. Bartholdy, at Nitzana yesterday, the Army spokesman announced.

After an informal discussion, both sides agreed to view the complaints as outdated.

It was agreed to hold the next regular meeting on December 13 at kilometre 95.

ISRAEL-LEBANESE MAC MEETS

The Israel-Lebanese Mixed Armistice Commission met in regular session yesterday in Rosh Hanikra and discussed matters of mutual interest, the Army spokesman announced.

Korea Allies Ask UN To Secure Prisoners' Release

UNITED NATIONS, Tuesday (UP). — The U.S. and its Korean war allies today published a resolution requesting the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, to "seek the release of 11 American fliers jailed by China as spies."

The measure calls upon Mr Hammarskjold to make "by the means most appropriate in his judgment, continuing and unremitting efforts" to obtain the release of the 11 airmen and all other war prisoners of whatever country still held by the Chinese.

The resolution "condemns, as contrary to the Korean Armistice Agreement, the trial and conviction of prisoners of war illegally detained after September 25, 1953."

The U.N. Assembly's Steering Committee recommended last night that the Assembly be asked to begin debate on the matter by tomorrow.

Allen Arrives For Three-Day Visit

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. George Allen, newly appointed Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African Affairs, arrived this morning via Rosh Hanikra from the Lebanon for a three-day visit, one day more than originally planned.

Mr. Allen was met at the frontier post by Mr. Ivan B. White, Councellor at the U.S. Embassy, and Mr. S. Har-Even, District Representative of the North. He lunched in Haifa with the American Consul, Mr. Wilbur Chase.

The Assistant Secretary arrived in Tel Aviv this afternoon and together with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson, entertained to dinner Prime Minister Moshe Sharett; Mr. P. Lavon, Minister of Defence; Representatives James Richards and John Vorys; Mr. Ted Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office; Mr. A. Lurie, Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Ministry; and members of the U.S. Embassy staff.

Mr. Allen is to pay a formal visit to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem tomorrow morning, and will meet the Embassy staff in Tel Aviv later in the day.

US CONGRESSMEN ARRIVE ON STUDY MISSION

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Representatives James Richards (Dem., South Carolina) and John Vorys (Rep., Ohio) arrived this morning by a U.S. Air Force Skymaster for a one-day visit.

This is part of a Far and Middle East tour in connection with a special study mission for the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Their main interest here is technical aid. Mr. Richards will be Chairman of the Committee in the new Congress.

They were accompanied by Mr. B. Crawford, Secretary of the Committee; Mr. C. Morrison, Deputy Director of the Far Eastern Foreign Aid Department; Col. H. Criss, of the U.S. Department of Defense; Lt.-Col. J. Hollingsworth, a liaison officer of the U.S. Army, and Mr. F. Claxton.

The plane arrived at 10.45 a.m. The guests were met by the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Edward Lawson; Dr. Lincoln Hale, Chief of the U.S. Operations Mission; Mr. Ted Kolek, Director General of the Prime Minister's Office; and Messrs. Tekoa and Arad, of the Foreign Ministry.

The Representatives met Mr. David Ben Gurion in Tiberias, where he is spending a holiday, and later proceeded to Nazareth and toured parts of Galilee.

They arrived in Tel Aviv in the afternoon and met Prime Minister Sharett at his Kirya office at 4.30.

The guests will complete their whirlwind tour tomorrow morning.

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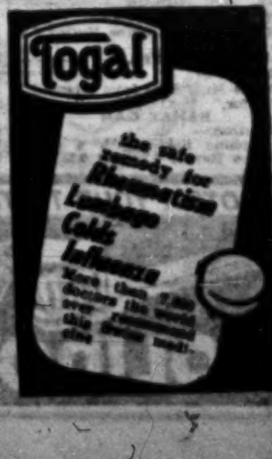

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RICHER FLAVOUR THROUGH MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

Aluf David Shaltiel, Minister to Brazil, visited the Knesset and was received by the Speaker, Mr. Yosef Sprinzak, yesterday.

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Mr. David Ben Gurion arrived at the Galei Kinneret Hotel in Tiberias yesterday for a one-month stay.

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A reception in honour of the 70th birthday of Dr. Mordecai Nurock, M.K., Deputy Chairman of the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress, was held by the Israel Executive yesterday afternoon at the President Hotel in Jerusalem.

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The British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, will address today's women's luncheon of the Haifa Rotary Club at the Megiddo Hotel on "Life in Britain Today."

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The Press Officer of the British Embassy and Mrs Gamble held a reception yesterday evening at their home in Zahala, Tel Aviv, for His Excellency the British Ambassador, and Mrs. Nicholls. Editors of the daily newspapers and heads of the telegraphic and news agencies were present, as well as members of the British Embassy staff and public relations officers of the American and Canadian Embassies.

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A reception in honour of Mr. Gregor Piatigorsky was held last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Amir in Haifa, following a concert by the cellist in that city. Among the guests were the Mayor, Mr. Abba Khoushy, Rav-Aluf Ya'acov Dori, President of the Haifa Technion, the U.S. Consul, Mr. Wilbur Chase, and the chairman of the Haifa Labour Council, Mr. Joseph Almogi.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. L. Africanov, Second Secretary of the Bulgarian Legation in Tel Aviv, from home leave (by SAS); Mrs. Berta de Gerchunoff, head of Wizo's Latin-American Publicity Department in Buenos Aires, for a visit; Mr. Harry P. Fierst, of New York, formerly Treasurer of the Zionist Organization of America, and Mrs. Fierst, member of the National Board of Hadassah, on Monday (El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Mr. Meyer Weisgal, Chairman of the Executive Council of the Weizmann Institute of Science, for a three-month stay in Europe and the U.S. (By Air France); Mr. S. Malmquist, the producer, after directing Ibsen's "The Wild Duck" for Habimah, for Stockholm (SAS); Mr. Julius Model, of "Zevah" Paint Factory and Dr. B. Levin, of "Antibiotic Laboratory Research" on an export mission for their firms to Turkey, Greece and Cyprus.

India, East Germany Sign Trade Contract

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UP).—The Government has signed a trade "arrangement" with the East German Government after two months of negotiations.

The trade settlement was an "arrangement" and not an agreement because India does not recognize the East German State. Commodities will be imported and exported on the basis of trade contracts.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Exhibitions:—

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.) 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

Paintings and Sculpture by Kaete Ephraim-Marcus, Nora Studio Art Gallery, 9 Ben Maimon Avenue, Rehavia, 10-1, 3-6.

"Hommage à Matisse". — "Master Drawings" Exhibit of the month: Woven tapestry, Persia, Middle Ages. Bezalel Museum.

"Conquest of the Desert," permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Works by Young Israel Artists, Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.

★ Tours:—

Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows:—

Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

★ Library:—

American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 9-1; 3-6.

TEL AVIV

★ Theatre:—

Habimah, "Hedva and I," Habimah, 8 p.m.

"Casablan," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—

French Painters in reproduction from Cezanne's time until today, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

★ Theatre: —

"Pygmalion," Chamber Theatre, Armon, 8 p.m.

HOLON

★ Theatre: —

Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny," 8 p.m.

JAFFA

★ Theatre:—

Do-Re-Mi, "Man from Istanbul," "Sailor," 8 p.m.

RAMAT GAN

★ Theatre:—

Josephine Baker, with a grand Circus Revue, 6.30 and 9.15 p.m.

35% from Morocco Rejected For Health, No Means Support

Jerusalem Post Reporter

About 35% of candidates for immigration from Morocco are rejected because they do not comply with health requirements or belong to families incapable of supporting themselves, reported Dr. Eliezer Mattan, the sole Health Ministry physician in North Africa. Dr. Mattan is now on leave in Jerusalem. Candidates try to conceal their illnesses, making the selector's task more difficult.

Mental disease in particular cannot be discovered by the over-all health check. "It would need a team of psychiatrists knowing French and Arabic to spot cases subject to attacks," explained Dr. Mattan, citing one epileptic immigrant who was discovered and sent back from Marseilles, whereas a companion epileptic landed at Haifa.

Health examinations are now undertaken in 19 centres by local doctors — half non-Jews — under the direction of the Jewish Agency Immigration Department. This task will shortly be transferred to the Moroccan branch of OSE, which already has seven welfare stations. Almost all the OSE budget comes from the Joint Distribution Committee. Outside OSE stations, the local practitioners will continue health checks, at OSE expense. After the initial physical check, a team comprising a doctor, an Agency settlement official and a social worker visits families to gain further acquaintance. Dr. Mattan himself gives the final approval to each family.

Relaxations of the health requirements for selective immigration have been introduced by the Agency in North Africa. Ailments arising from blood-pressure, cardiac trouble and defective eye-sight no longer disqualify an immigrant. Disease not demanding immediate treatment is also permitted. Invalids and incapacitated members of a family may come if the family head can support them. Old persons with children in Israel get their visa if the Agency considers the children capable of their maintenance.

Transit Camp

The Agency transit camp at Casablanca should hold 600 people at most, but 2,000 live there until the journey to Marseilles. Blood tests for syphilis are given at the camp, and positive reactors undergo a ten-day treatment there until non-infectious. If children become sick after the parents have obtained permission to immigrate, the family remains in Casablanca. Women over six months pregnant stay in the camp until a month after the birth, as the shipping companies refuse to accept such passengers. Children get their first immunization for typhoid and diphtheria at Casablanca, but the Ministry of Health will later find difficulty in following them up for second immunization. As the immigrants disperse on arrival here, follow-up of syphilis cases will be hard to carry out.

Dr. Mattan regretted that for lack of clerks, valuable medical data was being lost. Records are not kept of the candidates' physical condition, although never before has a mass examination taken place in North Africa. Interesting facts had come to light; ringworm, for example, afflicted eight per cent of adult women, despite the general assumption that ringworm was prevalent among children only.

Jews living in the remote villages of the high Atlas range enjoy better health than those of the plain, said Dr. Mattan. He recently toured the area, and spoke with 2,000 of the 3,000 Jews there. Of these, only 1,200 could be considered for immigration, and were registered for medical examination. The Jewish villagers did not engage in agriculture, but appeared more suitable material for settlement here than the townfolk. In answer to a question, Dr. Mattan denied that middle class or professional Jews showed any enthusiasm for coming here. They were considering emigration to France or South America.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
532, 340, 43.9 & 33.3 M.

NEWS: Hebrew 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 "Opera." 1.50 Break for Music. 3.30 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 4.45 Cello Recital: Uri Sebor. 5.15 The Working Woman. 5.25 Interlude. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.20 Agricultural Corner. 7.30 Cantorial Request Programme (R). 8.00 Programme by Frank Pelleg. 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Building of the State. 9.00 Information please. 9.30 The Week in the U.N. 9.40 Vocal Recital. 10.10 Classical Request Programme: Works by Bellini, Cimarosa & Hindemith. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
460, 225, 216, 487, 48.9 & 33.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.45 p.m. Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.3 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 Industrial Review. 11.30 Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 299 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Tomorrow's Bamahane. 7.45 Light Music. 8.00 Musical Box. 8.30 News. 8.45 Intermezzo. 9.00 Twenty Questions. 9.30 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (24.80; 24.92; 30.53; 30.90 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News; News Talk; Youth Magazine.

'Relief to Visit Israel After Europe'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). — Summing up his impressions of Israel, Mr. Edmund Wilson, literary editor of "The New Yorker" magazine, writes that: "It is a relief to come here from Europe, from European discouragement, cultural staleness, running down and falling apart. Here, people have something to hope for—survival." Mr. Wilson visited Israel last March.

"One feels at moments that they have even got used to the nasty feud with the Arabs and do not think much about it. I felt far less tension in Israel when these incidents were going on — though of course I was not so much involved — than I did when I returned to the U.S. to the atmosphere of the McCarthy controversy, and the hydrogen bomb. As soon as I stepped on to the dock, I found the task of getting my baggage through a porter-system stupidly organized, with passengers exasperated and porters and officials surly, so much more difficult than in any other country.

"I found no such confusion in Israel, no such ordeal of nerves. The whole official side of Israel life has benefited by British training.

"It is remarkable how soon you forget, as Israelis seem almost to have forgotten, from how far and from how many places they have come back to live in Palestine. You feel that you have never known them as they are themselves until you see them like this at home," Mr. Wilson writes.

UNESCO to Help M.E. Guard Its Culture

MONTEVIDEO, Tuesday (USIS). — The U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has approved a series of projects to help preserve the cultural heritage of several Middle East nations.

The programme and budget commission of the eighth general conference on Thursday noted requests for missions to advise Iraq, Israel, Egypt, Pakistan, Syria, the Lebanon and other countries on how to preserve their cultural properties.

The commission also approved a project to begin work next year on cataloguing and preserving manuscripts, now scattered through the area in a number of libraries. A proposal was approved to establish an international centre for the preservation and restoration of monuments and museum objects, either in Italy or Belgium.

BBC Televises Rehovot Research

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — A film unit of the B.B.C. was active at the Weizmann Institute of Science last week filming some of its research projects for a television documentary for exhibition in England.

The unit, headed by Mr. Michael Orrom, Film Director of B.B.C., is engaged in producing a film on the "Conquest of the Desert," reviewing the development of the Negev over the past five years. The script was prepared by Mr. Ritchie Calder, the science writer.

Mr. Lazar Bianco, cameraman for B.B.C., and Mr. Lazar Dunner, representing the C.B.S. newsreel section, have also filmed work at the Institute and of the Isotope Research Department headed by Dr. Israel Dostrovsky. They photographed work on measuring the radioactivity of certain compounds.

First Israel Ship Anchors Off Rangoon

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

RANGOON (Delayed). — The m.s. Etrog, the first Israel ship to come to a Burmese port, anchored here for 10 days on November 5. Officers and crew were feted by the Charge d'Affaires a.i. of Israel and Mrs. Moshe Leshem as well as by the Burma War Office. The Israel sailors visited the Shwedagon Pagoda here and a delegation went to Pegu, an historic town where they saw the famous Shwemawdaw Pagoda and the Reclining Buddha.

Representatives of the Press and the local Jewish Community were also entertained on board ship.

U.S. INVITES SCHOLARS TO RADIO-ISOTOPE COURSES

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (USIS). — Plans for a special four-week course in radio-isotope (tracer atom) techniques for scientists and technicians from the 53 countries qualified to receive shipments of U.S. manufactured isotopes, was announced today by Mr. Lewis L. Strauss, Chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

The course, limited to 32 persons, is to open on May 2, 1955.

Mr. Strauss indicated that provisions have been made for the admission of a limited number of qualified foreign research workers in subsequent sessions.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 4.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARMON: Gone with the Wind.
EDEN: Sombrero.
EDISON: Anna, 3rd week.
ORGIL: The Little Fugitive, 3rd week.
ORION: People Will Talk.
ORNA: California Conquest.
RON: Savage Fruit, 2nd week.
SEMADAR: Julius Caesar (at 5; 8.30; 9.30).
STUDIO: That Dangerous Age.
TEL-OR: La Verite sur Bebe Donge.
ZION HALL: [illegible]

Cabinet Approves Bill On Mental Treatment

A mentally sick person may be hospitalized against his own will or that of his family, according to the Draft Law dealing with care of the insane, approved by the Cabinet on Sunday (and briefly reported in Monday's issue).

On the request of a government physician, a psychiatrist, hospital director, or other competent medical authority and following a court order, a mental case can be placed in an institution.

The Bill will introduce uniform procedure into a disorderly state of affairs. Until now, there has been no clear legal injunction as to the care of mentally diseased vagrants. Neither had the Ministry of Health legal powers to regulate the condition of private insane asylums.

The Bill forbids mental hospitals from forcibly administering drugs which might injure the patient. All mental institutions in the country will be subject to local inspection committees appointed by the Minister of Health. Each committee will comprise a psychiatrist, a government physician, and a psychopathologist appointed by the Minister from candidates submitted by the Medical Association. The directors of institutions not complying with the orders of the committee are liable to prosecution. The committee must report to the Ministry of Health from time to time, not less than once a year. The Ministry will appoint regional officers for mental health, working together with the committees.

Additional Budget

To implement the Law, the Ministry will need IL.51,000 additional to its present budget, for the first year's operations, and IL.26,000 for each subsequent year. The expenses include IL.25,000 for three extra ambulances, IL.9,000 for three drivers and IL.6,000 for three male nurses.

Statistics of infectious diseases, now released by the Ministry of Health, reveal the normal decrease of poliomyelitis cases, following the onset of cold weather. There were 74 victims in August, 47 in September and 32 in October. The incidence in Jerusalem shows a slight drop compared with last autumn. At the same time, the "diphtheria season" brought 63 patients in September, and 81 in October, whereas only 57 were recorded in August. Measles hit 1,268 in August, 1,227 in September, and 903 in October; the drop is not significant, noted the Ministry.

High Court Rejects Plea by Auditor

The High Court of Justice has rejected a claim on behalf of an auditor that the qualifying examinations given by the commission for licensing accountants were illegal.

The petitioner, Mr. D. Nochimovsky, Chief Auditor of the Cooperative Centre Audit Union, had requested the Court to instruct the Minister of Justice and the Commission appointed by him and headed by the Attorney General, to grant him a certificate as a chartered accountant, on the basis of his being a graduate of a Warsaw college of accountancy.

In handing down the decision, the Court rejected the argument of the petitioner that any accountant who is a graduate of a recognized school should automatically be allowed to practise his profession here. The decision further stated that the Court was not competent to deal with the motives of the commission, which could use any examinations it deemed fit and that the commission also had the right to publish its proceedings. It recommended, however, that the commission reconsider the application of Mr. Nochimovsky in view of his educational qualifications and experience. *(Itim)*

'Earmarking' Funds Raised in S. Africa

The tendency to earmark funds for specific bodies and programmes in Israel was one of the main problems to concern the South African United Israel Appeal, Mr. E. Dobkin, member of the Jewish Agency Executive, told a meeting of the Executive in Jerusalem on Monday. It was decided at the beginning of the current Appeal that the Executive and the Keren Hayesod would have the exclusive right to earmark funds and that limits would be set to independent allocations, Mr. Dobkin stated. He has just returned from a one-month mission to South Africa for the United Israel Appeal. Mr. Dobkin also reported that a special loan of £250,000 had been made for strengthening and support of border villages.

Of the 17,000 Jewish youth in South Africa, 1,100 study in two Hebrew day schools, while 5,000 attend one-hour Talmud Torah classes after public school hours. While 6,500 boys and girls are members of youth movements, an average of only 25 immigrate to Israel every year, Mr. Dobkin said.

Mr. Zvi Herman, member of the Executive, reported on his trip to England, Belgium, France and the Scandinavian countries where, he reported, progress is being made in the Zionist movement.

Brazilian Gov't Fires 300 Striking Doctors

RIO DE JANEIRO, Tuesday (UP). — The Brazilian Government last night fired more than 300 doctors who refused to end a four-day strike and return to their jobs in Federal hospitals and clinics. Officials said an investigation disclosed "extremist" influence in the walkout in which nearly 600 government-employed physicians defied threats of dismissal.

Even as the firings were announced, however, 28 doctors of the Federal medico-legal institute, which operates the Federal district morgue among other things, announced that they were joining the walkout which has severely crippled the Federal hospital and clinic system.

Hapoel Athletics

Athletics meetings by Hapoel groups were held over the week-end. At Kfar Saba, David Tabak clocked 10.9 seconds in the 100 metres and jumped 6.20 metres in the long-jump, Uri Galin threw the discus 43.21 metres, M. Rack-oz cleared 1.73 metres in the high jump, and Almog put the shot 12.68 metres.

At the same venue the Hapoel Light Athletics League for the Sharon District held a meet which was carried by Kfar Saba with Kfar Hayarok second. Among the results were: S. Danai, Kfar Saba, 100 metres in 12.0 secs; in the girls' event, Ruth Bogen, Kfar Saba, 60 metres in 8.2 secs.

In Hadera, over 100 youngsters participated in a Hapoel Youth Athletics League for the Shomron District, in which Givat Haim took first spot with 138 points, Karkur was second with 113 pts. and Kfar Vitkin, third, 110 pts. Among the results were: A. Volks (Karkur), shot-put, 13.71 metres; in the girls' shot-put, Y. Daberet (Hadera), 9.11 metres.

Four Hapoel clubs from the South and Tel Aviv held a meet at Rishon LeZion. Tel Aviv led easily with 71 points, followed by Bat Yam (31), and Rishon (25). Among the results were a fine effort by Y. Natanovitz, of Tel Aviv, who clocked 4 min. 32.2 secs. for the 1,500 metres.

In Afikim, Hapoel clubs from the Jordan Valley turned out in an athletic competition. Among the results were: Youth Rashuni (Ashdot Ya'acov), 1,500 metres in 4:48.9; G. Hafish (Afikim), long jump 5.74 metres; and in the girls' event, G. Hadass (Degania A), 60 metres in 8.2 seconds.

HANDBALL RESULTS

Games in the Israel Handball League took place over the week-end. *Results:* Rehovot Macc. 16, T.A. Macc. 4; Haifa Macc. 8, Rehovot Hap. 6; T.A. Macc. North 12, Rishon Macc. 7; Petah Tikva Macc. 5, T.A. Hap. 3.

MACCABI LEAGUE BASKETBALL RESULTS

Men: R.M.A. 44, Maccabi North 39. **Youth 'B':** P.T. Macc. A 34, Be'er Ya'acov 17; Petah Tikva B 53, Ramat Gan 22; Be'er Ya'acov 37, Ramat Gan 34; Petah Tikva A 22, Petah Tikva B 18; Ramat Gan A 21, Ramat Gan 18. **Youth (b. 1939): Semi-finals:** R.M.A. 49, Ramat Gan 26.

OVERSEAS SPORTS TRIPS DISCUSSION ON AIR

A round-table discussion on overseas sports trips will be broadcast over Kol Yisrael at 9.30 on Sunday night. Dr. Haim Yahil, of the Foreign Ministry, will be in the chair. The panel will include representatives of Hapoel, Maccabi, the Press and the Radio.

Christian D'crat Rule Ends in West Berlin

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats last night appeared bound for coalition rule in West Berlin after Sunday's elections.

The Social Democrats emerged from the election to the city Parliament with an absolute majority of one — 64 seats against 44 held by the Christian Democrats and 19 by the Free Democrats. The result spelled the end of the city government of Christian Democrat Mayor Walter Schreiber, who had run the city in alliance with the Free Democrats.

The Social Democrats gained 44 per cent of the votes, the Christian Democrats 30 per cent, and the Free Democrats 12.7 per cent. The Communists and the Nationalist German Party suffered a crushing defeat, each getting less than the 5 per cent needed to be represented.

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Sewage Overflows In Jerusalem Quarter

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Sewage water from the Efrat Hotel building flowed through the heart of the Kiryat Shmuel quarter of Jerusalem yesterday as it has done at frequent intervals for the past ten months. The "stream" begins on Rehov Dov Ben Arye and courses down Rehov Harav Kook, ending in several stagnant pools near the Ohel Rivka Synagogue. Passing cars frequently splash pedestrians with the filthy water.

Construction of the building in Rehov Rutenberg was completed in 1952. The Municipality was then laying a main sewage line in Rehov Dov Ben Arye and the builders were therefore exempted from building a cesspit and were permitted "temporarily" to use a small cesspit belonging to a private house in Rehov Dov Ben Arye.

However, the city stopped building the main line and ten months ago the small cesspit began overflowing.

It will cost about IL.2,400 to connect the hotel building to the main line, which is 25 metres away. In addition to the one occupied by the hotel, the building has three other storeys, each containing three private apartments.

Beit Gil Cesspit Trial Postponed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

While the Jerusalem Municipal Court postponed for two weeks the trial of the owners of Beit Gil yesterday, the sewage water continued to stream from the building through the heart of the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem as it had done for the past two years.

In asking Judge Meir Murciano for a postponement, Mr. Shlomo Mizrahi, who appeared for the registered owners, Mr. Rafael Tarabulous and Mr. Yitzhak Ben Atar, said that only nine of the 16 householders had agreed to buy a pump to empty the small cesspit and thus end the nuisance. The nine live in six apartments owned by Mr. Tarabulous and Mr. Ben Atar and in three held by Mr. Ezra Levy, the contractor.

The Jerusalem Post learns that the other seven householders who live in apartments "bought" from Mr. Ezra Levy for 999 years, have each agreed to pay 1/32 or IL.50, whichever is less, towards the pump. Although this is not required by law, they agreed to do so, so that the trial would not be dragged out for months or perhaps even longer. But, they agreed only on condition that it does not impair their status as "999 year tenants" and not owners; that it gives them a free hand to sue the owners; that it does not impair any of their rights; and that the City will reimburse them if a central sewage system is installed in Katamon.

Although Rabbi Moshe Porush, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, stated last week that "there are no overflowing cesspits in Jerusalem," persons living at the following addresses do not see eye-to-eye with him.

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TO SELF-EMPLOYED TAX PAYERS AND COMPANIES

The third instalment of the Account Payment to the Income Tax for the current Financial Year (which began on April 1, 1954) falls due on December 10, 1954.

Self-employed tax payers and companies, whose income for the year 1952/53 (Year of Assessment 1953/54) has already been assessed, should now pay on account 25% of the amount claimed from them.

Self-employed tax payers and companies whose incomes for the year 1952/53 have not yet been assessed should base their payments-on-account at this time on their income in the year preceding 1952/53.

Since incomes in the years preceding 1952/53 were generally lower than incomes in 1952/53, the Minister of Finance has ruled that where on-account payments are based on the income of a year prior to 1952/53, the instalment payable shall amount to 37½%.

A taxpayer who feels that this method of fixing the rate of on-account-payments results in a rate not corresponding with his actual income during the current year, is entitled to apply to the Assessing Officer for a reduction of such rate. The application should be accompanied by full proof of such claim.

Notice to the Public

RECEPTION HOURS AT THE MINISTRY FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, JERUSALEM

The public is reminded that the reception hours at the Head Office of the Ministry for Commerce and Industry, at the Palace Building, Jerusalem are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays only, from 10 a.m.

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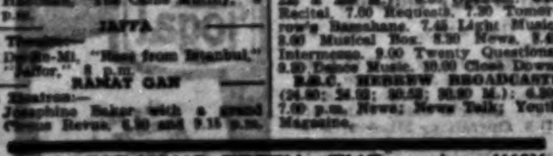

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Partly cloudy to cloudy with a possibility of scattered showers in the north.

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Mt. Cana'an	78	4	10	12
Tiberias	—	—	—	—
Haifa Port	55	14	18	19
Natanya	56	12	18	19
Tel Aviv Port	45	13	17	19
Tel Aviv Kirya	43	10	18	20
Lydda Airport	50	11	18	20
Jerusalem	68	4	11	12
Beersheba	44	9	16	20
S'dom	—	—	—	24
Eilat	—	—	—	24

*A) Humidity at 2 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today

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THE DEPUTY MINISTER for Religious Affairs, Mr. Z. Warhaftig, toured Ashkelon and Migdal Ashkelon yesterday and conferred with Councillors there on behalf of a government committee investigating the possibility of combining both areas into one city.

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TWENTY STUDENTS who have completed a two-year Hebrew University course qualifying them to serve as teachers in agricultural schools will be awarded their diplomas at a ceremony at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in the Lecture Hall of the Faculty of Agriculture at Rehovot.

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THE HAIFA Museum of Ancient Art will be open on Saturday afternoons. The new hours are: Mornings: daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Afternoons: on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, from 4-7 p.m.

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ON THE OCCASION of the fifth anniversary of the Israel-America Friendship League, the Haifa Branch has published a booklet outlining the aims and purposes of the organization as well as a review of the activities of the Branch during the past five years.

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50,000 DOLLARS worth of pencils have been exported by Jerusalem Pencils Ltd. in the month of November to various countries. Argentina took the largest share, followed by Finland, Turkey and Switzerland.

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FOR STEALING a "Pontiac" car and dismantling it, Nissim Muas, 26, was yesterday fined IL.1,000 with the alternative of 10 months in prison, plus a one-year suspended sentence. The car belonging to Mr. Harry Gilroy, "The New York Times" correspondent in Israel, was stolen from its parking spot in Rehavia, Jerusalem, on September 16, and was found in a Ramle barn.

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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Penina Jancu, of Jaffa, who yesterday drank ammonia given her in error by a local pharmacist instead of the medicine prescribed by a doctor, was recovering last night in the local Government hospital.

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SOME 3,000 four-week old chicks and a brooder-house valued at IL.7,400 were gutted by fire at Moshav Talmei Menashe, near Ramle yesterday morning.

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No. 124936 won IL.5,000 in the drawing of the Popular Loan lottery 1944 — 1969 yesterday.

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IL.57,000 SUIT FOR SALE OF SPIRITS

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A claim for IL.57,000 in damages was submitted against Mr. Moshe Kochavi by Mr. Eric Becker, 58, an official of the Tel Aviv Food Controller's Office, in the District Court here today.

Mr. Becker claims that his eyesight had been impaired by drinking methylated spirits allegedly sold to him by Mr. Kochavi. The claim was also lodged against Messrs. M. Baum, A. Brandwein and V. Kindelstein who, according to Mr. Becker, were involved in the sale.

The respondents submitted counter claims denying all responsibility for the sale of the spirits.

MIZAN TRIAL STARTING ON JANUARY 2

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Victor Mizan, who is charged with the rape and murder of four-year-old Rahel Levin in Ramat Gan in February 1953, told the District Court Judge, Mr. M. Kennet, at the resumption of his trial today, that he had asked the Attorney-General to quash the charge, and that he would not appoint defence counsel until he had received a reply.

The Judge ruled that the Attorney-General's answer had no connection with the Court's procedure, and that he would begin the trial on January 2, whether the accused is represented or not. *(ITIM)*

RATION NEWS

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4 Held, 17 Bailed In Police Stoning Case

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Magistrate Israel Weiner issued a three-day detention order yesterday against four young men suspected of having stoned a U.N. car and a police vehicle on Saturday in the Geula quarter of Jerusalem, so as to give police sufficient time to arrange an identification parade. Seventeen other suspects have been released, each on IL.50 bail.

First Inspector Yitzhak Ebel, who appeared for the police, said that the release would interfere with the police investigation.

All four detainees asked to be released immediately, each claiming that he had a "perfect" alibi for the time of the incident.

About 30 to 40 zealots carried out a noisy demonstration outside the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Rehov Devora Hanevia ten minutes after the spot had been visited by Mr. Yehezkel Sahar, Inspector General of Police, and Mr. Levi Avrahami, District Superintendent of Police, and head of the Jerusalem District. The demonstrators were led by Rabbi Meises, who paced back and forth in front of the club.

The Committee of Three, appointed by the Jerusalem Municipal Council to work for an end to the religious-civil disturbances, held its first meeting yesterday and adopted its agenda. Today, the Committee members, Rabbi Moshe Porush, Mr. Eliahu Eliachar, both Deputy Mayors, and Mr. Mordecai Fridmann, are to meet representatives of both sides separately.

Mayor Y. Kariv yesterday published the resolution adopted on Sunday which calls on all residents of Jerusalem to forget their differences and to establish "brotherhood and peace."

Haifa 'Adopts' Israel Navy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — "We fell in love with the Navy and took them to our hearts," the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. A. Khoushy told a large group of Haifa citizens and naval officers gathered in the Town Hall today, in a ceremony marking the adoption by the city of Haifa of the Israel Navy.

"As we are surrounded by enemies, the sea is not a barrier for us but rather our bridge to the world," the Mayor told the audience. He pointed to the great debt which the citizens of Haifa and the entire country owe for the part which the Navy played in the defence of the country. Haifa in particular must express its admiration, because "we saw them grow up before our eyes," he said. He read the Scroll of Adoption which pledged on behalf of the City of Haifa to "receive and welcome the men and women of the Navy whenever they land on our shores."

After receiving the scroll from the Mayor, the Commander of the Navy, Aluf-Mishne Shmuel Tankus, thanked the Town Council for this expression of faith in his arm of the services. The standard bearers of the Navy and the Municipality then exchanged their flags and marched out of the hall.

Present at the ceremony were the Town Council members, the Bench and representatives of public institutions.

More Milk, Eggs This Year

The amount of milk, eggs and potatoes produced locally during the first nine months of this year increased by 17 per cent, four per cent and 20 per cent respectively over the amount produced during the same period last year, according to figures released by the Central Bureau of Statistics and Economic Research. The amount of vegetables decreased by three per cent in the period. Some 79.9m. litres of milk, 201.1m. eggs, 29,246 tons of potatoes and 103,886 tons of vegetables were supplied to the local market from January to September 1954.

The Index of Building Costs during September stood at 364.1 points. (The base of 100 is the average for 1950.) The daily employment average dropped to 10,450 in September from the August average of 11,965. The wholesale Price Index dropped by three points in October to 1,301 compared with 100 for the base month of June 1938.

Social Welfare Tax 'A Dead Letter'

The Jerusalem municipal by-law requiring restaurants to collect a social welfare tax on all meals served is a "dead letter" as the coupons to be given as a receipt for payment do not exist.

This was the conclusion reached yesterday by Judge M. Murciano, of the Jerusalem Municipal Court, when he acquitted Mr. L. Friedman, owner of a restaurant on Rehov Straus, of a charge of not having collected this tax in August.

The Judge recommended that either the law be changed or that the coupons be issued.

A number of similar cases which had been brought by the Municipality and which were to have been heard yesterday were returned to the Municipality.

Mr. Y. Riftin appeared for the defendant. *(Itim)*

MISHA EDELMAN, 80

The death took place in Mishmar Hanegev yesterday of Misha Edelman, 80, one of the founders of the left Poalei Zion in Poland.

Teachers' Pay Said on Way

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two-thirds of the teachers' salaries have already been transferred by the Ministry of Education to the local authorities, and the rest will be sent by the end of the week, the Ministry stated yesterday. There is therefore no justification for the threat by the Teachers Association to strike if salaries are not paid by the 12th of the month, it is contended.

Mr. Pinhas Sapir, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, informed the teachers' representatives yesterday that on December 5 the Accountant-General had begun to transfer to the Ministry of Education funds for teachers' salaries, at the same time as those of other Civil Servants. Mr. Sapir promised that now that the personal position of each teacher had been clarified after the first weeks of the new school session, the salaries would be paid regularly, at any rate during the rest of the current financial year, between the 4th and 12th of each month. An inquiry was being made into methods of speeding up the procedure for transferring the money to the Ministry, and from the Ministry to the local authorities.

The delays in the payment of October salaries are explained by the Ministry of Education as being due to difficulties in getting the schools organized at the beginning of the school session, local technical hitches and the need to take into account advances given in September.

Teacher in Orthodox School Aided Missionary Society

A teacher in a State religious school, Mr. Itzhak Degani, 33, was acquitted by the Jerusalem District Court yesterday of a charge of having stolen used clothing from the Hebrew Evangelical Society in the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem.

The accused — a teacher in the Ohel Moshe school — had served as the assistant to the director of the society, Mr. Francis Stenkiss, first as a volunteer worker and later as a paid official.

Judge M. Golan, ruled that the prosecution had not furnished convincing proof of its case, and that at the most it had raised serious suspicion against the accused. He expressed surprise that they had not seen to it that Mr. Stenkiss appeared before the Court to testify before permitting him to leave the country.

Instead, the prosecution had submitted testimony which the director had given before the Examining Magistrate. From this testimony the Court concluded that Mr. Stenkiss had probably worked together with the accused in selling clothing which the society had received for distribution to the needy.

Judge Golan also commented that it should be of interest to the directors of State religious education that a teacher in one of their schools had aided an institution generally considered as aiming to convert Jews to Christianity. *(Itim)*

Cornerstone Laying For New Annunciation Church

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — Tomorrow will be a hundred years since Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary, and it will also be the end of the "Marian Year" proclaimed by Pope Pius XII in honour of the century. Catholics of Nazareth and North Israel and the world over the celebrating the occasion by special ceremonies and High Masses.

The Dogma made it an article of faith that the Virgin Mary conceived without original sin, that is, that she was free from the stain of sin from the first moment of her existence. In Nazareth today, Catholic residents held an eve-of-the century festival by touring the town in a torchlight procession and gathering at the Church of the Annunciation.

Tomorrow, the cornerstone will be laid for a new Church of Annunciation which it is believed will become the largest in the Near East. The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Monsignor Alberto Gori, arrived here today to attend the ceremony.

Nazareth Fights Gov't Expropriation Order

NAZARETH, Tuesday. — The Public Committee which has been formed by Town Council members and public leaders here to combat the Government's expropriation of 12,000 dunams of urban land for the construction of a Government district centre, has sent protests to the President, the Prime Minister and all other ministers against the order. The Committee has also asked the President for an interview on the matter. A spokesman of the Committee intimated that the measure might be taken to court.

TESSE GETS LIFE FOR WIFE MURDER

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — For murdering his wife, Shulamit, last January by throwing her into a pit near Kfar Ono, Nathan Tesse was given a life sentence by the District Court here today. As the sentence was read, he cried hysterically, denying his guilt.

Tesse's marriage, the judges determined, had been arranged by both families. He had not loved his wife, who was older than he. While he lived in Petah Tikva, his wife had lived with her parents in Moshav Bakon. After she had become pregnant, Tesse never went to see her, nor did he do so after the child was born. A social worker in the Moshav complained that he had failed to support his wife and child, and told the Court that in an effort to effect a reconciliation, she had arranged a flat for them near Petah Tikva. Meanwhile, Mrs. Tesse had become pregnant again, and the accused, afraid of being forced into living with her, decided to murder her, the judgment stated. *(Itim)*

New Director Named to Head State's Negev Kaolin Company

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mr. Haim Radai, former Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry, was appointed by the Board of Directors as Director of Kharsit veChol Sach BaNegev Ltd., the Government glass-sand and kaolin company, in place of Mr. Yochanan Ramati, at a meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Ministry of Development holds 51 per cent of the company's shares, Solel Boneh controls 35 per cent, and the remaining shares have been offered to the Industrialists Association.

Mr. Ramati's replacement was not the result, a company spokesman yesterday said, of a report which Mr. Ramati had circulated to all the Cabinet Ministers and to the State Comptroller alleging serious administrative deficiencies in the Ministry's management of the Kharsit Company's affairs. The report is strongly critical of the lack of control over the affairs of Kharsit's contractors, Even vaSid Ltd., a Solel Boneh subsidiary, who, Mr. Ramati says, owe IL.50,000 to the government company.

The spokesman also denied that Mr. Ramati's dismissal was connected with the matter of Even vaSid's debt, and claimed that the disagreement between the two companies was no more than the usual friction which occurs from time to time in normal business relations.

Even vaSid, which is responsible for the mining and marketing of clay for ceramics and sand glass, was criticized in this report to which letters of complaint were attached from some of the country's leading glass and ceramics manufacturers alleging that incomplete supplies of poor quality raw materials were being supplied by that company. Mr. Ramati further alleged that Even vaSid had stopped payment to the Kharsit company, which has controlled all the important raw materials for the two industries since June, 1953, and has since incurred debts amounting to IL.50,000.

The company admits to debts for IL.20,000, but counter-claims that IL.50,000 is owed them by Kharsit for research work which they carried out at the Government's invitation and for building access roads.

Ministry sources yesterday estimated the disputed amount owed by Kharsit to Even vaSid at IL.15,000.

Marketing Proposal

The Minister, Dr. Dov Joseph, also holds the opinion that control of the quality of the raw materials and their marketing should be transferred to Kharsit from Even vaSid, the Ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*, but this would necessitate the investment of a large amount of capital which could only come from the Development Budget and is therefore impracticable.

Answering charges of inflexibility in his negotiations with the Even vaSid company, Mr. Ramati told this paper yesterday that he had come to agreements with its representatives, sometimes making concessions, only to have them refuse to sign at the last moment.

Mr. Ramati was appointed in December, 1953. Previously, Mr. D. Tuviahu, now the Mayor of Beersheba, had held the post.

Mr. Ramati's dismissal takes effect on Thursday morning. Until Mr. Radai is able to assume charge, the Director's functions will be invested in Mr. I. Ashkenazi, of the Ministry of Development.

It was understood that a report on the Company is to be given to the Knesset Finance Committee by the State Comptroller.

Kisses 'Sold'; Toy Fund Gets Profits

Money was raised for the Toy Fund in a pleasant manner last Saturday when kisses were sold at a party in Tel Aviv. The Fund is thereby IL.13.270 richer.

Forum Film Ltd. donated IL.20 from "The Little Fugitive," the popular film currently on view in the country. Edna Ehrenhaft, 11, of Kfar Ata, went around collecting with a small savings box and turned in 500 prutot. Knesset Member S. B. Sassoon sent IL.15 and PICA IL.100.

Sixth-graders of the Carmel School in Tel Aviv are doing a tremendous job of collecting toys for the Fund. They have spread the idea throughout the school and yesterday brought their second collection to the Tel Aviv office of *The Jerusalem Post*. They repair and pack the playthings themselves.

Eight-year-old Michael Mayer, of Pituah Herzlia, brought in a wonderful swing, and from Beth Hillel in Upper Galilee came a beautiful American train, which, Mrs. Alfred Cohen writes, had been given her by friends before she left the U.S. Mrs. Cohen feels that through the Toy Fund it will find the neediest place.

Only 12 days are left to Hanukka — mail or bring in your contributions to the Toy Fund now.

Yesterday's contributions of IL.505.650 brings the total to IL.5,000.502. Contributors include:

IL.100 — P.I.C.A., Haifa.
IL.33.750 — Staff and Employees of the Economic Advisory Staff; Jerusalem.
IL.13.500 — Tiv'on Social Group.
IL.20 — "The Little Fugitive" by Forum Film Ltd. to the children of Israel; Tel Aviv.
IL.15 — "Mizreh" Insurance Service; Tel Aviv. S.B. Sassoon, M.K.; Jerusalem.
IL.10 — G. and E.A., for Ruth, Michael, and Daniel, Cleveland; and Michal, Zahala. Ja'acov Feirerstein Bustan Ha-Galil; Mr. Hans Spanier; Hillel Lodge Order B'nei B'rith XIV/1828; Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Lurie and their grand-daughters Ada and Tamar Ruth; Bergmann-Pizet; Haifa. On behalf of the office and staff of Dr. B.B. Levin's Laboratory for Antibiotic Research; Jerusalem. Yehudit M. Bejarano; Tel Aviv.
IL.6—From Nurith Pinn's (9) pocket money with an equal sum for each other member of the family from ABA's "counter-part fund"; Kfar Shmaryahu.
IL.5 — Mr. S. Kubitsky, to mark the return of Bracha and Moshe Michael to Israel; Hadera. Mr. and Mrs. M. Kravitz, Montreal, for their grand-daughter, Gila; Dr. L. Wislicki; Yehoshua Stern; Jerusalem; Bridge-Club "Kfar Ata"; Workers Weaving Dept. "Kurdaneh" Works; Mr. Hamerlynck; Staff of Salomon Bros.; Haifa; N.N., Beit Yitzhak; Mr. and Mrs. Max Daniel Lipsitz, Beit Yitzhak; Adina Landau; In memory of Nadav by Traubner; Yoel and Daphna; Mrs. Molly Denziger; Dr. Em. Isaac; Tel Aviv. In memory of Leslie Bloch.
IL.4 — Heiman, Silver and Weiss of the English Section of KKL Karneynu; Jerusalem. Irene; Tel Aviv.
IL.3.600 Ilan and Edna Baruch. Jerusalem.
IL.3.300—The Pupils of Class Het B at the Hebrew Gymnasium, Jerusalem.
IL.3 — Polak Family; Moshav Zahal. Yael Dobi Lurie, on the occasion of her 3rd birthday; Nili and Dany Lotz; Jerusalem. N.N. in memory of Peter; Yacobson; Edna, Dalia and Ami Leibowitz; Tel Aviv. N.N.; Haifa. A.N. Dugger
IL.2 — Dr. P. Kahane; Mrs. Katzenstein; Jerusalem. Maccabi Lifschitz; Naomi Scharf; Ofer Zacks (1½); Jerusalem. Eliahu Degan (2½); Haifa. N.N., Nathanya. Dany and Michal; Elsbeth; Marta Feige; Miriam and Benjamin Zadok; Tel Aviv.
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IL.0.500 — Yitzhak Weinberg; Jerusalem Edna Ehrenhaft; Kfar Ata. Joel and Noa (from their own savings); Haifa. Daniela Jones; Tel Aviv.

Zionist General Council Plans Congress

The Zionist General Council Presidium, at a meeting in Jerusalem yesterday, suggested that the next Council meeting be held in April 1955, the exact date and place to be determined after the plenary session of the Executive to be held in Jerusalem in January. Participating were Mr. Y. Sprinzak, Chairman, and Messrs. Z. Shazar, M. Grossman E. Dobkin and Z. Herman.

It was also suggested that the 24th session of the World Zionist Congress be held in Jerusalem in the autumn of 1955. Questions concerning the *shekel* project and elections to the Congress were discussed.

The Presidium heard details of the preparations that are being made here and in the Diaspora for "Herzl Year."

EXPERT HERE TO HELP RAISE POTASH OUTPUT

A prominent American expert in chemical industrial planning, Mr. S. Strelzoff, arrived here last week to advise the Dead Sea Works management on the technical and financial problems involved in increasing potash production. Mr. Strelzoff belongs to the Chemical Construction Corporation, one of the largest consultant and designing firms in the U.S. Mr. Strelzoff will remain here three weeks.

INVITED TO DISCUSS JORDAN UNIVERSITY

Prof. Constantin Zureik, President of the American University in Beirut has been invited to Jordan to discuss the establishment of a university in that country, according to the Old City press yesterday.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

December 8, 1954

Dear FRONTPAGE Reader,

We are sorry that your copy of FRONTPAGE was missing from its familiar place on the newsstand last week.

Our policy of providing you with the inside story on all of Israel happenings often demands that we tread the narrow path between what censorship permits — forbids.

Last week we were informed that your magazine, in penalty, was obliged to suspend publication for one week.

FRONTPAGE turned the SPOTLIGHT on Sergeant Marta's fight for Civil Rights.

FRONTPAGE probed the failure of real tourism to Israel.

FRONTPAGE focused its readers' attention on the problem of tax evaders and TAX AVOIDERS.

FRONTPAGE told you what is really going on behind the governmental scenes.

FRONTPAGE will be on sale tomorrow, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1954, as usual.

While complying with the censor we want to assure you that FRONTPAGE intends to continue its searching policy of providing you with the facts behind the news.

Sincerely,

FRONTPAGE

Sharett Lauds PEC Record

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Prime Minister Sharett today lauded the "impressive record of constructive achievement" of the Palestine Economic Corporation, the largest American development company operating in Israel, on the occasion of a testimonial dinner tendered by the P.E.C. tonight at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, in New York City for Mr. Jacob Blaustein, Honorary President of the American Jewish Committee.

Mr. Sharett, in conveying his greetings, expressed the conviction that "the U.S. will never have reason to regret the investment of American capital and technical help in Israel's peaceful and democratic progress, nor the understanding and sympathy of Israel's needs and problems shown by some of its renowned citizens."

"The P.E.C.," Mr. Sharett continued, "has an impressive record of constructive achievement in our land and will assuredly render even greater service to its development in the future." The Prime Minister asserted that "both the important body which bestows the honour and the distinguished individual who receives it have deserved well of Israel and the Jewish people."

Prime Minister Sharett's message was one of many received from all parts of the world, it was announced here today by Dr. Heinz Gruenbaum, Executive Vice-President in charge of the Coroporation's activities in Israel. The principal speaker at the dinner, which honoured Mr. Blaustein for his "dedicated service to Jewry and all humanitarian undertakings," was Mr. Edward R. Murrow, the radio and television news analyst.

Power Firm to Elect Officers Next Week

HAIFA, Tuesday. — New directors of the Palestine Electric Corporation will be elected by the shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting on December 14 at the Jerusalem offices of Bank Le'umi. As 95 per cent of the ordinary shares and stock haven now been acquired by the Government, it will be a question of appointments rather than elections.

The meeting will approve the resignation of the present Board of Directors, headed by Lord Samuel, of London. Three of the ten directors are Israelis — Mr. Avraham Rutenberg (Managing Director), Mr. S. Horowitz and Dr. George Halpern (who has been a director since the Corporation's foundation 31 years ago). The other seven are British.

There has been no official announcement yet on whether Mr. Rutenberg will continue to be Managing Director of the Corporation.

One of the last acts of the outgoing management was the acquisition of the shares of the Jerusalem Electric Corporation, after 90 per cent of the holders of its preference and ordinary shares have agreed to the merger.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has asked the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv for information on the Arab News Agency report on Saturday that the Director-General of the Jordan Foreign Ministry called on the U.S. Military Attache in Amman to protest the alleged partiality of Col. Charles Brewster, chairman of the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, with regard to the Battir incident. The MAC found Jordan guilty last week of crossing the lines in the Battir area, near Jerusalem, when four Legionnaires were killed in an exchange of fire with Israel security forces.

After 20 Years Parents Arrive

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Six families in various parts of Israel tonight were holding celebrations for which they have prepared for twenty years or more, as they welcomed home their parents who, as immigrants from the Soviet Union, had arrived here by air from Vienna 24 hours earlier. This was the largest group of Jews from Russia to reach this country since the establishment of the State.

The six new immigrants were dressed in faded and old-fashioned clothes and brought with them only one or two suitcases of belongings.

They are Mr. Woolf Rabinovitz 63, his wife Riba 57, Mr. Leib Reinisch 73, Mrs. M. Parnis 56, Mrs. Pia Makarovskya 53, all from Chernovitz and Mrs. Anta Lachovetskya 62, from Miranopol in the Ukraine.

Mrs. Lachovetskya travelled via Moscow, from where she flew to Vienna. The others reached Vienna via Hungary by rail. All praised the Soviet authorities for the manner in which they had been treated, although they had waited for six months for their Soviet visas after having been notified that they were allowed to emigrate.

After being received by representatives of the Jewish Agency, the newcomers left for the homes of their children, where they are to live.

(See Leader—P. 4)

Pope Approves Decree To Canonize Predecessor

VATICAN CITY, Tuesday (UP). —Pope Pius XII today approved a decree from his sickbed which will lead to eventual sainthood for one of his predecessors, Pius IX. The Pontiff, whose condition showed a further slight improvement today, received the Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Micara, who brought the decree.

Missionaries Expelled From India

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (AFP). — Seven Roman Catholic missionaries have been expelled from India during the past five years, the Minister of Interior announced in Parliament yesterday. He said that the seven had been engaged in anti-Indian activities but he would not give details. Among the missionaries were four Americans, two Italians and one Frenchman.

NATOREI KARTA ALLIES CAMPAIGN IN LONDON

LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — The "Committee for the Defence of Orthodox Jewry," which this weekend put up posters here against alleged "punishment and torture" of religious Jews in Israel, is now sending leaflets to Jewish organizations throughout the country asking them to withhold donations to "Zionist State funds."

'BUS STATION PART OF HIGHWAY'

"A central bus station is part of the highway," the Supreme Court ruled yesterday when it rejected the appeal of a driver who had been convicted for careless driving at the Eshed bus terminal in Haifa. The driver, Yitzhak Yoselovitz, had been fined IL.100 for backing his car at the station, causing a collision with a taxi. *(Itim)*

Extension of Income Tax Net Mooted

The extension of the income tax network to include a broader section of the population, and criticism of the present policy of tax exemptions, were among the subjects discussed by the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister's Office during its continuation of talks on the efficiency of tax levies on Monday.

The Chairman of the meeting, which was attended by Mr. Z. Sharef, Director of State Revenue, was Mr. P. Naphtali, the Minister of Agriculture.

Although the need for the present rate of tax exemptions was appreciated, it was stated that it was psychologically harmful. A return to a policy of deductions which state in a clearer manner the minimum living expenses exempt from taxation, was advocated. Demands for the inclusion of the Arab sector among the tax-paying public were also voiced and a strong case was made for the transfer of the emphasis from direct to indirect taxation. The question of calculating the degree of depreciation of various industries for the purpose of tax benefits was also raised and demands were put forward for increases in luxury, inheritance, municipal and village property taxes.

A series of professional courses for the guidance of State revenue administration workers has been arranged, Mr. Sharef announced, through which all administrative employees will pass during the coming year.

Cables in Brief

TORONTO. — Mr. Nathan Phillips was elected Mayor of Toronto on Monday night defeating the retiring Mayor, Mr. Leslie Saunders, and two other opponents. Mr. Phillips will be Toronto's first Jewish mayor.

ROCKETS. — Development of a new rocket engine in which the speed could be controlled was announced in New York yesterday by the Curtis Wright corporation.

FIRE. — Twenty-five planes ranging from single-seaters to transports were destroyed in a fire at Calgary airport in Alberta, Canada on Monday.

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THE six immigrants who arrived from the Soviet Union in the early hours of yesterday morning are a welcome continuation of the movement for the reunion of families which has been getting slowly under way again in recent months.

LIFTING THE CURTAIN

However, neither in extent nor in the age group of the people now allowed to come to Israel can one discern anything remotely resembling the beginnings of an immigration from Eastern Europe.

The present relaxation in the previous complete stoppage of emigration from Russia is being read by some in connection with a number of other signs which seem to point to a change for the better in the chequered pattern of the relations between the Iron Curtain countries and Israel. In recent weeks, there has been the move towards a trade pact with Bulgaria and a more lenient attitude shown by that country towards Zionists, while in Rumania the local Chief Rabbi, who seems to have some knowledge of what is going on in governing circles, went out of his way especially to tell the Israel Legation that his country felt very friendly towards them. From Czechoslovakia comes the rumour that Oren might be pardoned and released either at the end of this month or in February when the Czechs celebrate their feast of national independence, while Poland has at last appointed an envoy to Israel of Ministerial rank.

It would be foolish to presuppose from the faint rustling of these straws that there is something in the wind or even that there is a wind at all. The newspaper, "Paris Match," from whose columns the "evidence" is taken, comes out with the suggestion that a goodwill operation towards Israel is now under way.

This is a large assumption to make. There are a number of things which would have to be done, even in minor matters, to point up such a theory. Firstly, there is the vexed question of cultural exchanges between this country and the Soviet Union which has been under discussion ever since diplomatic relations were restored between the two countries. Secondly, there is the supreme problem of immigration from that country to Israel. Zionist teaching in any form is forbidden and Jewish national effort proscribed in the USSR. If there is to be a real relationship of friendship between the two countries there seems to be no logical reason why the Soviet Union should not allow those who express a desire to immigrate to Israel to do so.

CORRUPTION in government or municipal office is an evil which, if treated with leniency, can speedily infect the whole of public service and give it an unsavoury reputation.

CHECKING CORRUPTION

This will not only tend to diminish civic consciousness but also keep desirable people from seeking to serve the community in these departments.

The struggle against the spread of corruption in any form is the eternal battle against human weakness and selfishness, and when it is patently revealed or found out it is of the highest importance that it be dealt with drastically. In the recent case of Mr. Yona Eytan, the Deputy Mayor of Ramat Gan, the interests of the Municipality and its citizens were subordinated to the interests of certain contractors whom that official favoured by releasing guarantees they had given the local authority. The fact that Mr. Eytan has now resigned from the Council following his conviction and and fine by the Tel Aviv District Court makes the atmosphere in Ramat Gan civic life that much healthier.

Also encouraging this week is the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of a government official who had taken bribes. In this leading action the Court imposed a prison sentence, saying that severity was mandatory in such instances. The cause of clean [illegible] greatly helped by this stand.

Knowland Moves Toward McCarthy

Gap Widens Between Eisenhower and Republican Right Wing

By ALASTAIR BUCHAN

WASHINGTON, (OFNS)— THE conduct of Senator Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin, turbulent demagogue of American politics, has been condemnded by more than two-thirds of his fellow Senators, including half of his own Republican Party's Senate representation. Thus, the remarkable special session of the United States Senate ended last Thursday after six weeks of consideration of the charges tabled against him by a select committee under the chairmanship of Senator Arthur Watkins of Utah.

It has been a wearisome, unprofitable debate, encumbered by a mass of Parliamentary technicalities which McCarthy's supporters have used to delay or confuse the result. The essential point, however, is not the debate but the vote. The select committee had winnowed down into two main charges some 40 accusations of misconduct on which McCarthy could be censured; that he acted in a manner unbecoming to a Senator in failing to appear before or cooperate with a Senate committee which was investigating his financial dealings in 1951-52; and that he abused his position in vilifying General Ralph Zwicker, Commandant of Fort Monmouth, in his investigations into Communism there. It was this investigation which led to the famous controversy between McCarthy and Army Secretary Robert Stevens.

On the first charge, McCarthy was censured by a vote of 67 to 20: 47 Democrats and 20 Republicans against 20 Republicans. The outcome of the second charge had always seemed more doubtful, and as the chances of its passage began to dim in the final day of the debate it was dropped, despite the outraged protest of Senator Watkins, and a new resolution was introduced by his colleague from Utah, Senator Bennett, "condemning" McCarthy for the intemperate and abusive language he had used about his fellow Senators since the special session began.

Composite Condemnation

In the end, this and the first count were rolled together into a composite "condemnation" of McCarthy's actions on these occasions. The debate was not a satisfactory one. Since McCarthy was being accused on specific grounds, the overall damage which he, and others like him, have done to American freedom and prestige could not be fully developed by his opponents, while his supporters stressed his doughty services in uncovering Communists (McCarthy's investigations have not brought a single Communist to trial) and the dangerous precedent the Senate was setting by circumscribing free speech even if McCarthy's language was a little rough at times. There was some regret among his opponents that the censure resolution had to be changed to one of condemnation, since the former has a stronger technical Parliamentary meaning. But it is doubtful whether this semantic exercise will interest the public.

To McCarthy, the proceedings seem to have been pure bliss: his role as a martyr in the cause of anti-Communism, attempting to wake a slothful country to its danger, has been confirmed by the acknowledgement of his minority position. Last Thursday, sitting in the Senate like a beaming toad, his arm still in a sling, he looked anything but a condemned man. But there is not the slightest question that the Senate action has done him harm with the public, and, more important, has dissipated the fear of him which most of his fellow Senators felt, by demonstrating how small a vote he can muster.

As it turns out, the most important aspect of the Senate's vote is its relation to foreign policy. On Thursday, when President Eisenhower, at his Press conference, was ruling out a blockade of the China coast as impossible except in war, Senator Knowland, Republican majority leader in the Senate and ostensible chief advocate of that policy, was voting against the censure of McCarthy whom he has never supported before. On any subject but China, on Europe or domestic affairs for instance, Senator Knowland has hitherto shown himself to be a moderate. Now it appears that his opposition to the new foreign policy of President Eisenhower — with its emphasis on "coexistence" and the avoidance of a flare-up with China — is driving him into the arms of the Right-wing Republicans who are as intemperate in their hatred of China as in their admiration for McCarthy.

If Knowland does become the leader of this group, the split between the Eisenhower and the reactionary wings of the Party may widen beyond hope of repair and will enormously complicate the President's task of reorienting American policy.

Hiss Faces Bleak Future

WASHINGTON. — WITH Mr. Alger Hiss's release late last month from the Lewisburg penitentiary, one of the most contentious figures on the American scene — perhaps in the world — walked out of prison into the bright and frosty air of freedom. Hiss was released after serving three years and eight months of the five-year prison sentence passed on him for perjury by a New York court in January, 1950.

It is difficult at this distance in time and in the calmer atmosphere which now prevails in the United States to reconstruct the furious controversy that the Hiss case created in the years between 1948 and 1950. Alger Hiss, now 50 years old, had had until then a career of unchallenged brilliance. After doing well at Harvard he became a lawyer and secretary to Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, the most famous Supreme Court Justice of his day. He joined the Government in the 1930's and during World War II rose to be director of the Office of Special Political Affairs in the State Department. In this post, he exerted considerable influence on the conferences at Dumbarton Oaks and San Francisco, in which the blueprints for the United Nations were drawn up. In 1946, he resigned from the State Department to become head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. In 1948, his career exploded.

At a public hearing of the House Un-American Activities Committee, a journalist named Whittaker Chambers, considered to be competent but unstable, who had left the Communist Party in 1938, accused Hiss of having been a Party member. This was no crime, but it meant the end of Hiss's public career and he immediately sued Chambers for defamation of character. It was at this trial that Chambers produced the famous "pumpkin papers." These were microfilms concealed in a pumpkin on Chambers' Maryland farm, which purported to be records of the secret documents passed by Hiss in the mid-1930's to Chambers, who was then a courier for a Communist cell working in Washington. It was this case which led to Hiss's indictment for perjury for denying to a Federal Grand Jury that he had ever passed such documents to Whittaker Chambers, and to the two famous trials which led to his ultimate conviction and imprisonment.

At their beginning, most people of liberal opinions in the United States believed that Alger Hiss was the victim of a "frame-up" by the unstable Chambers, who had got the ear of hysterically anti-Communist politicians, and President Truman called the Hiss case a "red herring" to the central issues of the day. But as the detailed evidence was unfolded of a Communist spy ring in Washington before the war, and as Chambers produced more and more circumstantial evidence to prove that Hiss had had dealings with him, Hiss's assertion of innocence and that he had never known Whittaker Chambers became open to grave doubt.

Now, Hiss is a free man again, and immediately on leaving prison he asserted his original position. "I want to reassert my complete innocence of the charges that were brought against me by Whittaker Chamber," he said. "I plan to renew my efforts to dispel the deception that has been foisted upon the American people."

Unenviable Choice

Hiss has the most unenviable choice. If he remains silent, his recognition of his own guilt will be presumed by the world; if he attempts to establish his innocence, as he apparently does, it will have to be done presumably through the medium of giving evidence before a Congressional committee, as it seems unlikely that the case can be tried again in the courts. And supposing that the circumstantial evidence of his connection with Chambers and pre-war espionage were not so strong, a Congressional investigating committee would be one of the most prejudiced of tribunals before which to try to clear himself.

It has been suggested that he may write a book, and one theory has been developed that his assertion of innocence rests on the fact, which he was prevented from making public, that he was actually a member of a Communist cell, not of his own volition, but on the orders of the Roosevelt Administration, which wished to infiltrate the American Communist Party and keep an eye on its plans. But he will have to present much new detailed evidence to gain public credence.

In the meantime, he faces an undeniably bleak future. His private means were entirely dissipated by the costs of his two trials; as a convicted felon he is barred from voting, from holding public or official office, and he is automatically excluded from his own profession.

Forty Days in the USSR (IV)

A Woman Speaks: Drinking, Poverty, and Jews

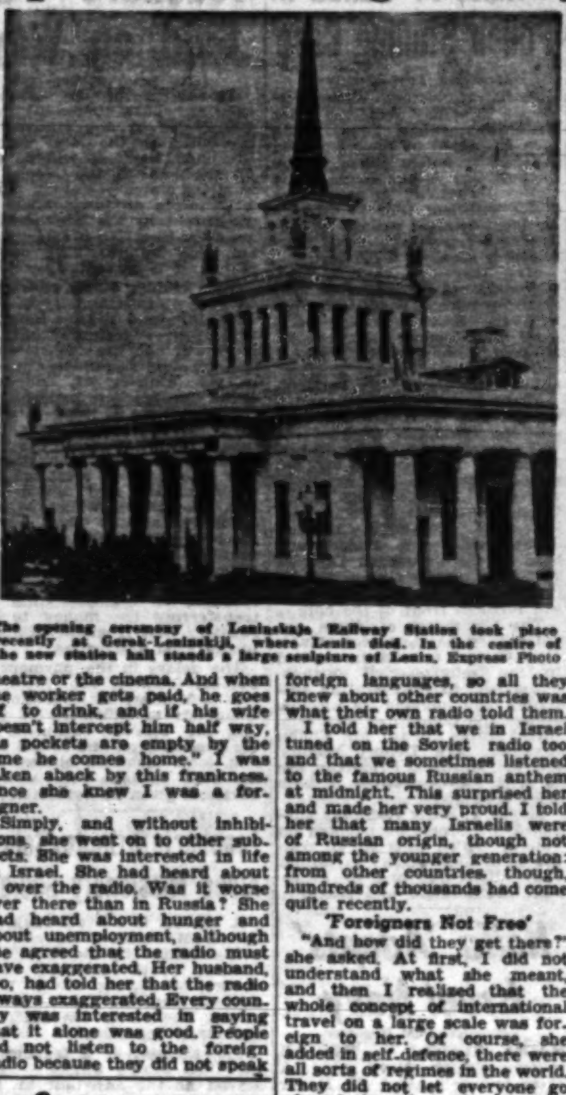
By Haim Shurer

WALKING about the streets of Moscow during the first days of my stay, I happened to pass Red Square, where groups of tourists gather almost incessantly to hear male and female guides talk about the Kremlin, the Mausoleum, the Revolution and its leaders, and the size of the red stars atop the castle's towers.

As I stood listening to one of the guides, a Russian woman with a bundle in her hand joined the group, sightseeing between trains on her way from a distant town to her home in another part of Russia. When the talk was over we went on together. She was worried, she told me: Her husband had died recently. He had been a factory foreman, not a rich man, but a decent earner. They had a nice apartment, with comfortable furniture, a bathtub, and central heating. But what would happen now? It had been difficult enough to manage on good wages, though there were people who had to manage on less, of course. She was worried because she would have to go to work, to work hard, perhaps. Her husband had died young. Many people died young: the plague of cancer was spreading. The way of all flesh . . . It looked like people had begun to do a lot of thinking about all that, about life and death. And so they lived for the moment. And there were a lot of drunkards.

"How's that?" I said, weighing every word carefully, for I suspected that the woman was trying to draw me out. "Why should they be so disposed? So much is being achieved. You build, you create. Don't people get satisfaction out of that? Besides, don't they have anything to do besides drinking in their leisure time?"

"In their leisure time?" she repeated with a sceptical smile. "A man may make 300-350 rubles a month, and if he gets an additional special allowance of 120 rubles that doesn't help very much. You work from morning till night, and then you don't have any strength left for anything else." I remembered the long queues in the streets. "There is no money left for the theatre or the cinema. And when the worker gets paid, he goes off to drink, and if his wife doesn't intercept him half way, his pockets are empty by the time he comes home." I was taken aback by this frankness, since she knew I was a foreigner.



The opening ceremony of Leninskaja Railway Station took place recently at Gorok-Leninskiji, where Lenin died. In the centre of the new station hall stands a large sculpture of Lenin. Express Photo

Simply, and without inhibitions, she went on to other subjects. She was interested in life in Israel. She had heard about it over the radio. Was it worse over there than in Russia? She had heard about hunger and about unemployment, although she agreed that the radio must have exaggerated. Her husband, too, had told her that the radio always exaggerated. Every country was interested in saying that it alone was good. People did not listen to the foreign radio because they did not speak foreign languages, so all they knew about other countries was what their own radio told them.

I told her that we in Israel tuned on the Soviet radio too, and that we sometimes listened to the famous Russian anthem at midnight. This surprised her and made her very proud. I told her that many Israelis were of Russian origin, though not among the younger generation: from other countries, though, hundreds of thousands had come quite recently.

'Foreigners Not Free'

"And how did they get there?" she asked. At first, I did not understand what she meant, and then I realized that the whole concept of international travel on a large scale was foreign to her. Of course, she added in self-defence, there were all sorts of regimes in the world. They did not let everyone go abroad in other countries. In America or in England, no foreigner could walk about freely. He was always followed and shadowed at every step. Not like in our country, where anyone could go about unnoticed.

Unwilling to get into an argument, I pointed to a church above which there was no cross. "Yes," she said, "I guess it's not open." "And yet I heard that a lot of people go to church," I insisted. "Some people do." "And how does that fit in with Communist education?" "Those two things have nothing to do with each other," she explained, "there are believers and unbelievers." And she told me about a Metropolitan Bishop who had been jailed for swindling and embezzling. "But your people" she added, "are all believers." "How's that?" I queried. "Aren't many Soviet Jews Communists, and don't they hold important posts?"

"They are very few," she replied. "They all believe, and even those who do not are only pretending. The Jews observe all their customs and all their holidays, they pray, and on Passover they prepare the feast in all its details. I know, because I used to live in the same neighbourhood with Jews and I saw everything with my own eyes. I saw a lot of Jews in all sorts of cities. There are Jews in Tashkent, in Kiev, in Odessa, in Kishinev."

I had hardly recovered from this unexpected stock of information when she gave me the crowning blow:

"There is one thing I cannot understand: why are the Jews scattered all over? Why don't they bring them together into one district?"

Suspecting again that I had to do with an *agent provocateur*, I tried to be more Catholic than the Pope: "But that has already been done... What about Birobidjan?" But she ignored my question, and went on to explain how, if the Jews had their own land, it would bring out the best in them. She was sure the Government would realize this some day.

With her own peculiar logic, she went on to relate how a Jewish Army captain had been insulted in a streetcar by some bullies who had hinted that he had remained safely at the rear during the war, while in point of fact he had been wounded twice. The officer had later bitterly confided to her that he did not understand this hatred, and that "after all, even Jesus had been a Jew."

"Well," I said, "when I ask why the Jews do not have a land of their own, I am told that they are not interested, yet you tell me that they all 'believe.' Wouldn't that mean that they would like to live together and have their own language and culture?"

"Possibly. But possibly, if someone asks them, not one of them will say so."

"Why shouldn't they? Are they afraid?"

"Afraid? I don't know. What should they be afraid of? And maybe they are a little afraid..."

"But you say everyone is free over here." And I added: "Couldn't they at least have their own newspapers, their theatres and schools? They used to."

"Yes, but as long as they don't have their own republic, they won't get the rest. If they had a special Jewish Republic it would have a newspaper in its own language, like the Ukraine, for instance, or Armenia?"

"And why don't they have their own Republic?"

"It's hard to tell. There are things in this world that it is difficult to understand."

I went back to what we had said about being afraid. "Abroad, there are rumours that the Russians are afraid to talk to foreigners. Yet you talk freely to me..."

"Why not? You can tell everything for yourself anyway. You can tell by the stores and on the streets what there is and what there isn't."

We parted good friends, with the common feeling that there were many things in this world that it was difficult to understand.

This is the fourth of a series of articles. The first three appeared on November 19 and 26, and December 3.

Readers' Letters

RIGHT TO VOTE

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The Knesset is about to pass a law preventing residents who are not citizens from participating in next year's election. The Defence Service Ordinance of 1949, on the other hand, requires any resident to serve his allotted time in the Army regardless of citizenship.

There is a basic rule, respected in every democratic country, that a person required by law to give his life for that country should the occasion arise, is also automatically entitled to cast his vote on election day. This principle has never been abolished by any free country in modern history. Why should Israel be the first exception?

Yours etc.,
H. LANGBANK
Haifa, November 29.

THANKS FOR DONATIONS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I should like to express our deep gratitude to those of your readers who sent you money for our Children's Club on Rehov Dvora Hanevia. The money was used to acquire musical instruments for the children.

Yours etc.,
DINA BAT-HORIN
Working Mothers Association,
Jerusalem, November 30.

MUSICAL DIARY

THE Jerusalem Musicians Association presented two most enjoyable concerts within 48 hours of each other. At the Touring Club on Saturday, the programme included romantic *lieder* and duets by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Brahms. Rose Sander (soprano) mastered the intimacy of such gems as the Schumann-Heine *"Lotosblume"* with real intuition. Lotte Veit's (alto) rendering of Brahms' *"Zigeunerlieder"* was adequately expressive but less satisfying in tone, quality and colour. Mendelssohn's *"Ich wollt' meine Liebe"* (Heine) and Brahms' Phaenomen (Goethe) were fine teamwork. Arieh Abileah accompanied spiritedly.

At the Y.M.C.A. on Monday night, Antonia Lavan (soprano) gave yet another proof of her steady rise since her return from abroad in 1952, delivering Schumann's *Mondnacht"* and Hugo Wolf's *"Die Bekehrte"* in a silvery, bell-like timbre and with melting sweetness. She was very much at home in Kodaly's charming "Village Scene" and full of *joie de vivre* in Milhaud's *"Chansons de Ronsard,"* and exhibited real musicianship in Mozart's *"Mia speranza adorata."* Her cultured stage appearance was a pleasure in itself and an example to other artists in this country. Arieh Zemanek was a first-rate partner at the piano.

The pianist Alice Herz then offered a thoroughly absorbing, inspired interpretation of Schumann's Fantasy in C major, op. 17, ending the programme with perfectly rendered numbers by Debussy and Ravel. All in all, it was an extraordinary programme.

Children's Cantata

WE recently had an opportunity to hear a first-rate recording of Marc Lavry's latest opus, *"Orit Messaperet,"* a cantata of nine children's songs about events from a little girl's life, conducted by the composer, sung by Yaffa Yarkoni with the vocal ensemble of Kol Zion Lagola, and accompanied by the Kol Yisrael woodwind quartet. The sections, expressing a variety of moods and alternately sung by the mezzo-soprano and the mixed choir, have in common a rhythmical pattern derived from the short prelude. The effective use of contrast never harms the clarity of the thematic material.

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Shoshana Damari

HARDLY any artist can undergo so many changes during one performance and still remain herself as Shoshana Damari. She proved it again before a full house at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday night, transforming herself from a Yemenite shepherdess into a South American [illegible] into a comical little Tel Aviv girl. She included several songs that we had not heard before, such as Yitzhak Levy's charming "Hanum" and Moshe Vilensky's *"Haperah Halavan."* As ever, Moshe Vilensky was a stimulating accompanist. The Town Major, who sponsored the event, could hardly have given a pleasanter surprise to soldiers spending their *Shabbat* in the Capital.

Y. ZARAI

In Tel Aviv

GREGOR Piatigorsky's two Saturday-night cello recitals before packed houses at the Ohel Shem Hall supplied the truly ideal interpretation of such varied works as Boccherini's delightful Sonata in C Major and Brahms' Second Sonata, passionate in its first three movements, plaintive and full of sorrow in the Adagio Affetuoso. The higlights were Schubert's "Variationenwerk" and the cellist's own variations on a theme by Paganini, followed by a fresh and unsentimental Milhaud concerto. Ralph Berkowitz's accompaniment was of the highest standard.

Pnina Salzman rendered her second recital, given at the Z.O.A. House last Tuesday, particularly attractive by including two standard piano works to which she brought her consciously creative art: Beethoven's "Waldstein" sonata, and the Chopin sonata with its famous funeral march, which nobly rose and faded away under her moodily shaded touch.

Thirteen-year-old Sam Ashkenazi aroused high hopes for the future at his first concert at the Tel Aviv Museum in which his thorough technical preparation enabled him to perform a programme ranging from Bach's G-minor solo sonata to Paganini's 24th Capriccio. Mrs. Edith Kraus was a valuable accompanist at the piano.

J.E.

Yesterday's Press

Egyptian Move Mere Pretext

COMMENTING on the Egyptian Government's decision to release the Bat Galim and her crew, "Davar" (Histadrut) notes that this act decreases somewhat the tension between the two countries but it does not bring the serious dispute any nearer to a solution. The Cairo Government knew full well that the Security Council would order it to release the ship and the Powers wanted to prevent such a development, to preserve the prestige of the Egyptian rulers. What the Security Council should do is to guarantee free passage through Suez for the ships of all nations and to force Egypt to discontinue its embargo on Israel vessels.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) points out that the latest Egyptian move is no innovation. Last year too the Cairo authorities released a ship (the Fanca Maria) after Israel had complained to the Security Council. Therefore Israel cannot desist from its demands that the problem as a whole should be dealt with by the United Nations. The Israel complaint was concerned with the Egyptian embargo, not with the detention of the "Bat Galim" and its crew, and the release should not serve as a pretext for postponing the debate in the Security Council and the adoption of a decision.

Smart Manoeuvre

The editor of "Ma'ariv" is more pessimistic, feeling that the Egyptians have at last resorted to the correct tactics. They admit (as they dared not do before the Suez Pact was signed) that the issue was passage for Israel ships and not any crimes committed by the crew. Dr. Carlebach strongly suspects that it is Washington which persuaded the Egyptians to execute this about-face, giving them to understand that they will no longer be bothered. Devoid of humanitarian overtones, the issue will prove much more difficult for Israel in the Security Council.

"Herut" feels that Mr. George Allen will do an important service to both his country and world peace if he effects a revision of the Anti-Israel line of his predecessor. The paper criticizes U.S. arms shipments to the Arab countries in particular, and says that the Americans see especially Egypt, the largest and apparently the most promising country, in an altogether false perspective: Gamal Abdul Nasser is no new Ataturk, and his junta clings to power by a mere miracle. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) regards the Allen visit as fresh evidence of "American intervention" in Israel affairs.

Mendes on Israel

"Haboker" (General Zionist) comments on the talk between M. Mendes-France and Mr. Abba Eban in New York (different and partly conflicting versions about the subject of this conversation have appeared in the Hebrew press). The paper sees a lesson for Israel diplomacy in M. Mendes-France's remarks about the constructive role to be played one day by Israel as part of a Mediterranean alliance: our representatives have given up their attempts in that direction far too early. "Haboker" calls for closer relations with France and says that the attempt to convince the Western powers of a more realistic approach towards the Arab League should be continued.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) deal respectively with the relations between the Ministry of Development and Even veSid and with the sincerity of the Le'ahdut Ha'avoda demand to dissolve the Knesset at once. "Yediot Aharonot" lauds Ben-Gurion for his "revolutionary" realisation that politics must be eliminated from settlement as well as from education.

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